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Sears Cuts Stores, Jobs And Even the Catalogue

The U.S. Retailer's Big Book Succumbs To Competition From Shopping Malls By Lawrence Malkin... NEW YORK — Another icon of American business shattered Monday...



MOIST PROTOCOL — Aides hold umbrellas Monday to shield President Richard von Weizsäcker of Germany, second from left, as he welcomed President Rafael Angel Calderón Fournier of Costa Rica to Bonn in heavy rains, which swept Western Europe.

Japan Warns U.S. Against Sanctions Over Trade

Official Urges Clinton To Negotiate Rather Than Act Unilaterally By Paul Blustein... TOKYO — A senior Japanese trade official, responding to recent suggestions by the Clinton administration...

Hungary Backs Autonomy For Its Magyar Neighbors

Alarmed, East Europe Sees Provocation By Stephen Engelberg with Judith Ingram... BUDAPEST — Adding a potentially explosive element to a region already riven by ethnic conflicts...

Mrs. Clinton to Head Health Task Force

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton named his wife, Hillary, on Monday to head a national health care task force...

An Explosion of AIDS in Latin America

By James Brooke RIO DE JANEIRO — Flourishing amid sexual promiscuity, hypocrisy, and haphazard prevention, Latin America's AIDS epidemic is prompting growing alarm...

Kiosk Gunman Kills 2 at CIA Headquarters

A gunman on Monday fired on cars entering the grounds of the Central Intelligence Agency in McLean, Virginia, killing two people and wounding three before escaping...

Pentagon Chief Is 'Belligerent,' Iraq Charges

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, said Monday that his country sought no confrontation with the United States but was not happy so far with the stance of the new U.S. administration...

But on Second Bite, America Finds Itself at Home in a Steak House

By Michael Janofsky WASHINGTON — The general manager reported that Dan Quayle had eaten in his restaurant, and so had George Bush as vice president...

Market data section including Dow Jones (Up 35.39), Trib Index (Up 0.61%), General News (The Kurds are not starving...), Business/Finance (U.S. bonds surged...), and Crossword/Weather.

WORLD BRIEFS

Croatian Forces Capture Airport as Fighting Intensifies

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ZAGREB, Croatia — Croatian armed forces captured a key Adriatic airport and battled Serbian irregulars in nearby villages on Monday as fierce fighting flared for a fourth day in the Krajina region. Fighting was also raging with fresh intensity across neighboring Bosnia-Herzegovina. A mortar round exploded in a Sarajevo street crowded with shoppers on Monday, killing at least four, as shelling and sniper fire intensified in the besieged capital after several weeks of relative calm. Fighting between Muslims and Serbs also raged in eastern Bosnia. The surge in combat in Croatia and Bosnia and tough words from leaders of all three warring factions in the former Yugoslav federation threatened peace talks and heightened fears of a wider war in the Balkans.

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia's Supreme Defense Council ordered the army to increase the combat readiness of troops along the border with Bosnia. The order came after an emergency session on the Croatian attack and the offensive by Muslim-led Bosnian troops against Serbs in eastern Bosnia.

Belgrade Denies U.S. Assertions On POW Camps

NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE — The Serbian and Yugoslav governments categorically denied Monday a United States report that war prisoners from Bosnia-Herzegovina may be being held in detention facilities in Yugoslav territory. The latest allegations that Bosnian prisoners may be being detained in Serbia and Montenegro, the two republics that now make up Yugoslavia, came in a document reportedly prepared by U.S. intelligence agencies. The report asserted that about 70,000 Bosnians were being held in as many as 135 Serbian prison camps in Bosnia and possibly five facilities in Yugoslavia itself. The 70,000 figure is many times higher than the 1,360 Bosnian prisoners registered and visited in Serbian-run camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina by representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

road and the Zemunik Airport near Zadar, which is an Adriatic port outside the United Nations-monitored Krajina region, a Serbian enclave at the southern end of Croatia. Reuters correspondents in the area saw Croatian troops in control of the airport. General Bobetko, at a news conference in Zadar relayed by Croatian state radio and television, said, "Zemunik Airport is in our hands. Not only have we liberated the road from Mastenica past Zemunik to Zadar but also Croatian villages around it." "Conditions have been created for 20,000 Croatian refugees to return home," he said. "The area is still heavily mined, but it is under our control now," a Croatian spokesman said of Zemunik, which was shut after Serbs seized it in Croatia's 1991 war for independence.

The Serbian side had also reported heavy fighting in the area on Monday and indicated that Serbian forces were hard pressed. Two French UN peacekeepers were killed during artillery exchanges between Serbian and Croatian forces in the Krajina area of Croatia on Monday, a UN spokesman told France-Infra radio from Zagreb.

The spokesman said three French soldiers were wounded during exchanges. Croatian government troops launched an offensive on Friday to recapture areas of southeastern Croatia that have been held by Serbian forces since last year. In Belgrade, officials ordered the Yugoslav Army in a higher state of readiness, saying Croatian-Serbian battles in Croatia and Serbian-Muslim fighting in eastern Bosnia threatened the Geneva peace conference and regional stability.

The Supreme Defense Council of the rump Yugoslavia, comprising Serbia and Montenegro, said its security was being threatened and "all necessary measures" would be taken in deal with the situation. On Sunday, President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia said Croatian Army action had ceased after a limited mission to recapture areas around the strategic Maslenica bridge linking the north and south Croatian coasts had been accomplished. Monday's declaration by the Croats made clear, however, that they had launched their offensive last Friday not only for the bridge but also to retake the other vital link — the airport. (Reuters, AP)



Yugoslav paratroopers boarding planes for practice jumping at a base in Nis as Belgrade moved to increase its troops' combat readiness.

Serb Legislator Wanted in Netherlands

By Jeffrey Stalk Special to The Herald Tribune

AMSTERDAM — Dutch police say that a member of the Serbian parliament who has been accused of war crimes is the same man who broke out of a prison in the Netherlands more than 11 years ago and was never recaptured.

3 Newsmen Hurt in Bosnian Blast

REUTERS — Three journalists, from Reuters and UPI, were injured when their vehicle hit a landmine in the central Bosnian town of Gornji Vakuf on Monday, a British Army spokesman said. He named them as the reporter Hugh Pain and the photographer Corinne Dufka of Reuters and Kevin Sullivan, a correspondent for United Press International. The spokesman said by telephone from a British Army base at Vitez, about 60 kilometers (40 miles) from Gornji Vakuf, that the three had been taken there for treatment.

ment in December, is a veteran criminal with a long history of arrests in the Netherlands. A Dutch newspaper has reported that he also had a police record in a number of other European countries.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger named Mr. Razzijatovic as one of those allegedly responsible for war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Razzijatovic and his followers are believed to have participated in the mass execution of as many as 3,000 men, women and children near the town of Breko last year, according to Mr. Eagleburger.

Mr. Razzijatovic, 41, has gained notoriety in the former Yugoslavia as a self-styled guerrilla leader fighting for the Serbian cause. He has become something of a folk hero in the eyes of many of his countrymen, but others say that he and his men are nothing more than gangsters who have looted and murdered in the name of patriotism. Mr. Razzijatovic already stood accused of war crimes for alleged atrocities in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina when he was elected to the Serbian parliament as a representative from Kosovo last year. "He has become a very controversial figure in Yugoslavia," said

Ljubinko Zivkovic, the chargé d'affaires at the embassy of the rump state of Yugoslavia in the Hague.

"There are very contradictory opinions about him," Mr. Zivkovic said. "Some people consider him a hero, and some think he is just a criminal, and they don't want a criminal promoted to a national hero."

Mr. Razzijatovic lived in the Netherlands in the 1970s. His police record in the country includes arrests for extortion, illegal possession of firearms and robbery with violence, said an Amsterdam police spokesman, Klaas Witting. Mr. Razzijatovic was sentenced to seven years in prison in 1981 for armed robbery but escaped during a daring daylight breakout from Amsterdam's Bijlmerbojtes prison later that year. According to the Amsterdam newspaper De Volkskrant, Mr. Razzijatovic held his guards at gunpoint with a revolver that had been thrown over the prison wall to him by two accomplices outside. He then climbed the wall with the aid of their inmates, swam across a shallow ditch and escaped in a rented car that was waiting nearby. A month after his escape, Mr.

Razzijatovic held up a jewelry store in Frankfurt and was subsequently photographed by a video camera while robbing a bank at gunpoint in Stockholm, according to De Volkskrant. He allegedly had had other brushes with the law in Belgium and Switzerland. "All of the criminal activities that were reported in the paper are true," said an Amsterdam police spokesman. Dutch officials, citing the country's privacy laws, have refused to comment on whether the government would seek extradition or take some other judicial action in the Razzijatovic case.

Since returning to Yugoslavia in the late 1980s, Mr. Razzijatovic has set up a school for training Serbs in guerrilla warfare and has led his paramilitary unit, the Tigers, in action in Croatia and Bosnia.

Mubarak Vows to Battle Extremism

CAIRO (Reuters) — President Hosni Mubarak, saying "extremism is threatening all aspects of life in Egypt," vowed Monday to exterminate Islamic fundamentalist violence. "The confrontation must be comprehensive and collective," Mr. Mubarak said in a Police Day speech. He said Egypt must "exterminate" sedition in its cradle in order to preserve our present and our future and our rights for a safe and dignified life. "The danger of extremism is threatening all aspects of life in Egypt," he declared. The president said a "miserable fate" awaited what he called a small minority that had given itself the right to destabilize the security and stability of the majority. His speech was made two days after gunmen believed to be Muslim militants killed two Cairo policemen.

Death Toll in Kabul Battle Hits 200

KABUL (AP) — Rebels battled government troops for the eighth straight day on Monday in fighting that hospital officials said has taken the lives of about 200 people and wounded 800. Most of the dead have been civilians, the officials said. Government forces are battling to dislodge rebels loyal to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar from the southern and eastern outskirts of the city. Mr. Hekmatyar's Islamic Party fighters have attacked Kabul at least a half-dozen times since the Mujahidin swept the former Communists from power in April. Hundreds of houses have been destroyed in the fighting, and rockets landed over the weekend in the compounds of the Iranian, Turkish and Italian embassies. There were no reports of casualties at the embassies.

Major Backs India's Economic Plans

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Prime Minister John Major of Britain said Monday that India's radical economic changes were "a clarion call to the future." He also dismissed reported threats to his security during a five-day visit. The British leader said relations between India and Britain had "never been closer since independence" in 1947. This was symbolized by his invitation to be the chief guest at Tuesday's Republic Day celebrations. He offered his full backing for the 18-month-old reforms, aimed at breaking down state dominance of the economy, opening it up to outside forces, cutting bureaucracy and making it more dependent on market forces. Mr. Major, speaking after a day of talks with Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and other leaders, also denied suggestions Britain might mediate between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. And he said he was entirely satisfied with arrangements for his security after police said they arrested four Sikh militants who had plans to explode four bombs by remote control on Republic Day.

Deal Sought at UN Over Macedonia

UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP) — European members of the UN Security Council have decided to recommend a compromise in a dispute with Greece over UN membership for the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, diplomats said Monday. After a half-year delay, Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali on Monday forwarded Macedonia's application for UN membership to the Security Council. International recognition of Macedonia has been held up by neighboring Greece, which has demanded a name change. Greece considers the name Macedonia to be part of its heritage and believes it would imply territorial claims by the new state on the northern Greek province of Macedonia. Diplomats said that Spain, Britain and France had decided to propose calling the state The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with the Security Council to apply the name provisionally until the dispute was settled.

Anti-Semitic Mayor Is Told to Quit

MAINZ, Germany (AP) — A small-town mayor in Western Germany, who wrote in the nation's top Jewish leader that he was glad he had no Jews in his community, has been asked to resign. Franz-Dieter Schlagkamp, mayor of Sehlen in the Western state of Rhineland-Palatinate, recently wrote a letter to Ignatz Bubis, leader of the Jewish community in Germany. In the letter, Mr. Schlagkamp said he was glad he did not have any Jews "to disturb the peace" in his community. The mayor has since apologized in Mr. Bubis' another letter. But Walter Zuber, the interior minister of Rhineland-Palatinate, said the apology was not enough, and urged the mayor to resign. "With one apology this letter cannot disappear from the world," Mr. Zuber said.

Bonn Plans Review of Citizen Law

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

BERLIN — At the same time they are tightening laws to slow an influx of asylum seekers, German legislators are planning to make it easier for foreigners who have long lived here to become citizens. A change in citizenship laws could indicate that Germans are moving, at least legally, toward acceptance of a multicultural society. Obtaining citizenship in Germany is more difficult than in most Western countries. Children born here to non-Germans are not given automatic citizenship, even if both parents were born in Germany. The issue has resurfaced because of recent racist and rightist violence against foreigners. Stung by charges that they are not protecting the rights of foreigners, government leaders are supporting efforts to rewrite the citizenship law, which was adopted in 1913. Many see it as an embarrassing relic of an era when Germans sought to protect their supposed racial purity. To slow a refugee tide that is aggravating social tensions and straining the country's resources, major parties in parliament recently reached agreement on a law to restrict the rights of foreign asylum-seekers. As part of the accord, they also agreed to make it easier for some longtime foreign residents to obtain citizenship. But legislators are divided over how drastically the existing law citizenship should be changed, and they do not expect to have a bill ready for passage until next year. "We have to make it easier to become German," said Erwin Marschewski, a member of parliament from the governing Christian Democratic Union. "We have too many cases of people who were born in Germany or who have lived most of their lives here, who speak the language and are fully integrated, but who cannot become citizens." "On the other hand," he said, "a baby born in Brazil is entitled to German citizenship if he is descended from a German who emigrated in 1850, even if the family has lost all contact with Germany." Becoming a naturalized citizen is a complex process, involving fees that sometimes exceed \$3,000. The law allows foreigners who have lived in Germany for 15 years — or for eight years if they are under 23 — to apply for citizenship. Applicants are screened by police investigators and most are rejected — some on the ground that they had violated minor tax or traffic laws, or for unspecified reasons. About 10,000 non-Germans have been naturalized in each of the last few years, in addition to East European immigrants several times that number who are considered "ethnic Germans." Under proposals now being studied, foreigners who have lived here for perhaps eight years, or who have attended schools here, would be granted citizenship without great expense or exhaustive background checks.

Hanoi Assails Clinton on Relations

HANOI (Reuters) — Vietnam on Monday criticized President Bill Clinton's plans to retain his predecessor's conditions for normalizing relations with Hanoi. The Vietnamese government said in a statement it was ready to move forward toward normalization and would continue to help resolve the question of what happened to U.S. servicemen missing from the Vietnam War. Last week, Clinton R. Whartm Jr., Mr. Clinton's nominee for deputy secretary of state, said he was sure Mr. Clinton, like former President George Bush, would require that Vietnam help account for missing Americans, support a peace settlement in Cambodia and remove vestiges of re-education camps set up when Hanoi's Communists won the Vietnam War in 1975.

UN Presses for UNITA-Angola Talks

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — UN officials scrambled Monday to bring government and UNITA rebels together for this week's scheduled peace talks after a weekend rebel offensive brought Angola's civil war close to the capital. Government troops recaptured the capital's principal source of electric power late Sunday by driving out a rebel force that had occupied Zenza do Tombe, site of Luanda's principal hydroelectric plant (110 kilometers (about 70 miles) to the southeast). But government troops were unable to beat back rebels who advanced west to within 25 kilometers of the capital and destroyed a water purification plant, the principal source of water for Luanda's estimated two million residents. Although UNITA and the government agreed to UN-sponsored talks this week in Addis Ababa, UN officials have not yet been able to set a date.

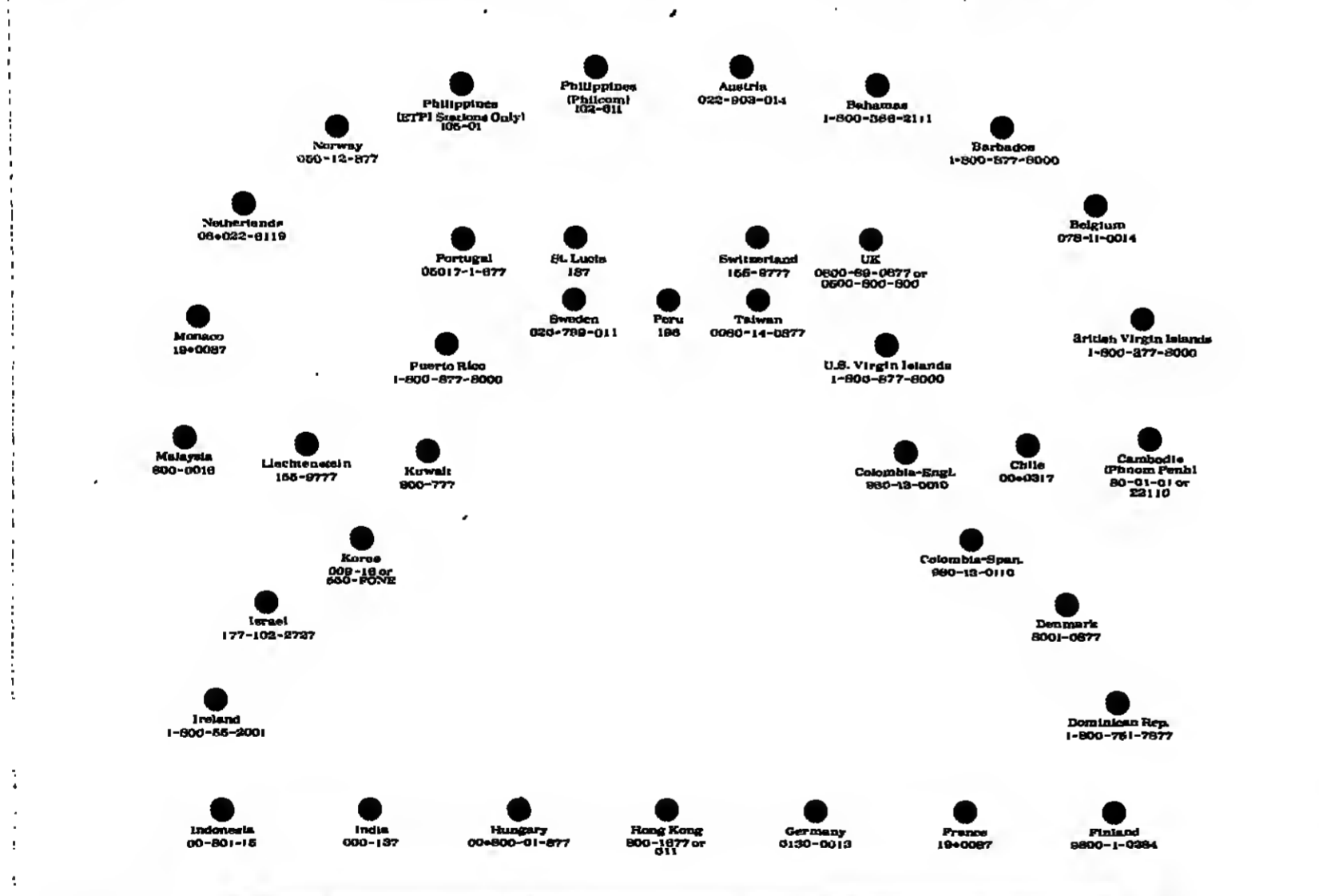
TRAVEL UPDATE

Dutch Airline to Initiate EC Service

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — The Dutch charter airline Transavia said on Monday it would become the first European community carrier to exploit a night to take passengers from and to other EC states without stopping at home base in the Netherlands. Transavia said deals with local tour operators would enable it to run services from France and Italy to Greece and the Canary Islands from this summer. The liberalization of Europe's skies as part of the EC's single market is the ultimate goal. It allows carriers to pick up passengers in airports outside their home territory and continue on to a third country, without passing through their home hubs. The Madrid city council declared a state of alert Monday and announced a series of restrictions on heating and traffic to combat air pollution. Mayor José María Álvarez del Manzano said sulfur dioxide levels recently were much higher than those permitted. He said that coal-based domestic heating would be prohibited between 12 A.M. and 6 P.M. In addition, parking is banned on six of the city's main thoroughfares, while deliveries were to be made after 9 A.M. Traffic in Athens was redirected around central Constitution Square on Monday for construction work on the capital's subway system.

Denmark Leader Forms a Coalition That Takes Over the EC Presidency

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS — Mr. Rasmussen's cabinet will attempt to persuade Danes to approve the Treaty on European Union in a second referendum this spring. Danish voters narrowly rejected the accord in a vote in June. Mr. Rasmussen, 49, replaced Poul Schluter, a Conservative who resigned on Jan. 15 after being criticized in a visa scandal. Mr. Rasmussen appointed Niels Helveg Petersen as foreign minister. The new government is taking over 25 days into Denmark's six-month presidency of the European Community. The term rotates between the 12 nations.



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FIRST 100 DAYS / 'A LOT OF OPTIONS'

Clinton Defers Decisions on Deficit and Attorney General

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton said Monday that "a lot of options" remained on ways to trim the deficit and that he had made no final decision on a broad-based energy tax...

And a day after Mr. Bentsen, in a television interview, floated the idea of a national consumption tax, most likely one on energy. Mr. Clinton praised Mr. Bentsen for doing "a very good job on television" and did not back away from the notion of a tax.

Mr. Clinton made it clear in advance of his meeting with the Joint Chiefs that he was sticking by his pledge — made during the campaign — to allow homosexual men and women into the military.

"We want to end discrimination against homosexuals in the military," Mr. Stephanopoulos said. But he said Mr. Clinton also wanted "to maintain order and discipline in the military."

WASHINGTON — Dismayed by the collapse of the lengthy Iran-contra investigation, many in Congress say they are reluctant to begin a major inquiry into another foreign policy morass: whether the Bush administration covertly armed Iraq before the Gulf War...

Upswing, Under Clinton, in the Cake and Red Carpet Trade

By Martha M. Hamilton Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The ruffles and flourishes added up. The 5,000 petit fours iced by hand to resemble tiny American flags, at 70 cents apiece...

swearing-in ceremony ever, according to the Washington Convention and Visitors Association and the Greater Washington Board of Trade.

"It was a good way to start the new year," said Ed Woods, president and chief executive of Ridgewell's Caterer in Bethesda, Maryland. He forecast that revenue from Mr. Clinton's inauguration would be 25 percent higher than from George Bush's in 1989.

U.S. Study Sees Arms Cuts as Way To Add Jobs According to Paul Schulman, a network television buyer in New York, the CBS rate was "an incredible bargain" extended as "an accommodation" to the Clinton team.

WASHINGTON — Chelsea Clinton slipped quietly into school on Monday, avoiding the reporters and cameras that have followed the first family's every move since her father won the presidency.

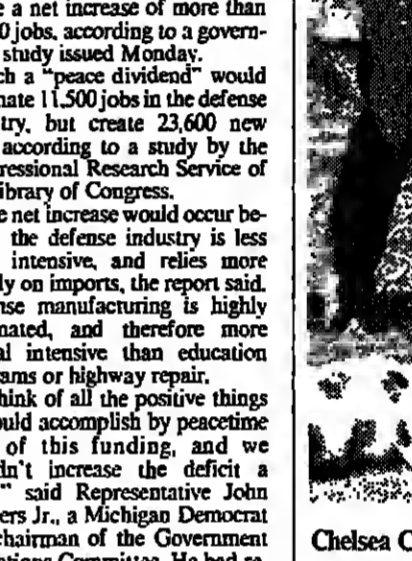
Behind the Pageant, Big Deals From Big Business

By Michael Weisskopf and Charles R. Babcock Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The film "Sleepless in Seattle" is not scheduled for release until this summer, but when TriStar Pictures was asked by President Bill Clinton's inaugural committee to advertise on the television gala last week...

Organizers solicited Time Warner Inc. through its chief Washington lobbyist, to produce a video and photography book of inaugural highlights. The publishing-entertainment giant agreed to perform both jobs for overhead and costs, with all profits going to the inaugural committee.

regulated industry to bankroll the \$28 million party for a president who pledged to end the influence of "entrenched power and money." Other corporations, labor unions and trade groups made \$100,000 interest-free loans and donated cash or goods and services.

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Chelsea Clinton joining classmates on the soccer field.

L.A. Times' Staffers Snap Up Buyouts

By Howard Kurtz Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — Battered by the Southern California recession, the Los Angeles Times hoped to trim 500 jobs by offering lucrative buyouts to its staff. But insiders say more than 800 people have signed more than 100 newspaper staff-up, including 10 percent of the editorial staff and four times as many as management had expected at the largest U.S. metropolitan daily newspaper.

category," said Mr. Toth, 64. "I have other things to do." Paul Conrad, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and political cartoonist for the Los Angeles Times since 1964, will retire from the newspaper on March 31, the paper said.

Court Curbs Appeals on Death Row

By Linda Greenhouse New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that a state death row inmate who presents belated evidence of innocence is not ordinarily entitled to a new hearing in Federal court before being executed.

Reprieve for N.Y. Post As Financier Steps In

Washington Post Service The New York Post narrowly escaped shutting down Sunday night when a financier who has repeatedly been investigated by federal and state regulators agreed to buy the struggling tabloid.

Bush Team Adjusts Life on the Outside

WASHINGTON — A week ago, they were making decisions that changed the world. Now top Bush administration officials are settling into new digs from Harvard to Hollywood.

Away From Politics

- The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson said he was detained by Haitian soldiers — and thought he might be shot — during a weekend fact-finding trip to Haiti. Mr. Jackson said that soldiers interrogated his group in the city of Leogane and held the visitors against their will.

HEALTH: Hillary Clinton's Role

(Continued from page 1) unmet needs of America's \$840 billion health system, the world's costliest. He said there would be "tough choices" to bring costs under control and provide coverage for all.

Quote/Unquote

Roger Clinton, referring to his brother, Bill: "I think he's now in a position to find out if Elvis is really dead or not."

Motorola Denies Cellular Phone Risk

The Associated Press NEW YORK — Motorola Inc. denied claims Monday that cellular telephones posed health risks. Edward Staiano, president of the division that makes cellular phones, said that studies by Motorola and independent researchers indicated "no existence of health risks from use of cellular telephones."

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Ivan Is Making Progress

In the great struggle over the rebuilding of Russia's economy, the reformers are still winning more rounds than they lose. But amid the turmoil of a country going through a genuine if bloodless revolution, the uncertainties remain enormous.

Angola on the Brink

Problem No. 429 for Bill Clinton. Angola is Problem No. 1 for José Eduardo dos Santos and Jonas Savimbi. It is often that way around the world. Imbalance is built in.

Like the Woman She Was

Audrey Hepburn, who died last Wednesday, was a charming actress and an impassioned ambassador for the UN Children's Fund. But a lot of women, and more than a few men, remember her best for the way she looked.

Let the Patient Be Boss

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month, close to the point at which many become meaningless. Not many countries have succeeded in maintaining orderly government in the midst of hyperinflation.

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pressed by Russia and France were throat-clearing, not outright denunciations; and their doubts were anyway about the methods used, not about the desirability of keeping Saddam Hussein under control.

The GATT Headache Needs Emergency Treatment

WASHINGTON — On Dec. 18, George Bush, John Major and Jacques Delors stood on the White House lawn and pledged to complete the Uruguay Round of global trade talks by mid-January.

Yes, Quite an Encounter

NEW YORK — It may be some consolation to George Bush that another popular idol experienced a steeper fall from grace in 1992.

The United Nations' Colors Won't Always Be Available

By Brian Beedham

LONDON — Many people have come to assume that if there is something awkward to be done in the world, it can be done by slipping one's hand into the comforting palm of the United Nations.

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These re-emerging fault lines will surely break up the consensus of the past few years. The old Communist-pluralist fault line has gone, but others — of race, religion, ambition, all the things that tend to divide the world into Us and Them — are still there.

Danger Signals on the U.S.-Japan Line

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — A curious idea is percolating along the Pacific Rim as America returns from the hiatus of election and transition to the business of world leadership.

to work through the United Nations — but it will not always be possible. A small country will get invaded by a bigger one, and because the invader comes from the wrong side of one of those fault lines it will be impossible to get the Security Council to order his removal.

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America is the world's largest exporting nation. The drop in the dollar's exchange rate since the mid-1980s has reinvigorated U.S. exports.

Other Comment

Behind the Croatian Attack Only the naive are surprised that the war continues in Bosnia-Herzegovina and that a Croatian attack has taken place while peace negotiations are going on.

even modest cuts in farm subsidies. As yet, Japan has not said it would open its rice market. Naturally, the U.S. textile industry opposes a GATT agreement.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Massing of Troops ST. PETERSBURG — Unusual activity is noticeable in the War Office. In spite of severe frosts, the massing of troops in the Western Government continues without interruption.

1943: U.S. in Tunisia

LONDON — [From our New York edition:] A rain by American troops to within striking distance of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's line of retreat along the Gulf of Gabes in Tunisia and rapid progress in Tripoli.

1918: Japan's Warning

TOKIO — During the opening sitting of the Japanese Parliament today (Jan. 24) important statements were made by the Premier: "The turn taken by events in Russia is now our most serious preoccupation. As sincere friends of Russia we express a hope that that country will put an end to her domestic difficulties and con-

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OPINION

Iraqgate: Ignore the Pleas to Just Move On

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — The scandal called Iraqgate began, I am told, with a personal request in early 1989 from a foreign head of state to President George Bush on a matter requiring the assistance of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

An Italian state-owned bank was the conduit for these U.S.-guaranteed billions. When the FBI raided the bank's Atlanta office and found that corruption was rank in this deal, the Italians worried that they might be left holding the bag.

Justice was aware of the planned approach.)

The contact was made, reported the ambassador, now working for a U.S. law firm, who has never been interrogated by the FBI about it.

Foley should get together on a joint congressional investigation — one that will not burden the future independent counsel with immunity grants to witnesses.

Finally, President Bill Clinton should, as he promised, direct his new attorney general — as experienced, we can hope, as Robert Morgenthau — to seek the nonpartisan outside counsel.

A frisson of doubt about Mr. Clinton's commitment to cleanup can be spotted in a small New York Times story the other day: James "Jock" Covey is expected to be appointed an assistant secretary of defense.

Mr. Covey served in the Middle East bureau at the very heart of the Saddam buildup. He was a drafter of the infamous National Security Directive 26 to support Iraq, and despite CIA reports of the dictator's purchase of nuclear materials and missiles, he prepared memos for James Baker urging President Bush to direct more financing to Saddam.

People determine policy. Mr. Clinton has reappointed Edward Djerejian and twin of his key aides to the Middle East bureau, and Mr. Baker's closest policy guide, Dennis ("Strongly Condemn Israel") Ross, to a supposedly temporary consultancy on Mideast talks.

But sometimes continuity asks too much. Mr. Covey was up to his hips in at least a sleazy blunder, and reward with a promotion by his Arabist cohort in the new administration sends exactly the wrong signal.

"Let's move on" is the plea of Iraqgate's perpetrators. Better to move in — on how the public was misled and justice was obstructed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saddam and Bush

The Iraqi press rejoiced over the end of the Bush presidency, maintaining that Saddam Hussein's continuance in power while a defeated George Bush was relinquishing power to Bill Clinton constituted an Iraqi victory. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Cost of a Party

The 25 million corporate dollars donated ("invested" would probably be a better word) to Bill Clinton's inaugural party would have bought a lot of rice for Somalia. It would have put a lot of discouraged American job-seekers to work.

Now that the Justice Department is changing political hands, what can be done to get to the bottom of Iraqgate?

Foley Would Come First

As a Virginian who lives adjacent to Monticello, and a law professor at Thomas Jefferson's university, I enjoyed your "Quote/Unquote" (Jan. 19), in which President Bill Clinton told students that if Jefferson were alive today, he (Mr. Clinton) would appoint him secretary of state, then resign along with Vice President Al Gore so that the Sage of Monticello could become president.

While Mr. Clinton's comments were gracious, the scenario he suggests would leave the republic in the hands of Tom Foley. The speaker of the House and the president pro tempore of the Senate come before the secretary of state in the list of presidential successors.

RICHARD B. LILLICH, Heidelberg, Germany.

AHMED ALAQUI, Madrid.

Saddam and Slobodan

Saddam Hussein moves a few useless anti-aircraft guns around and the West attacks. Slobodan Milosevic orders the slaughter of thousands and the West appeases. At last! Our brave new world order takes shape!

DAN McCOURT, Paris.

A Currency Campaign?

I cannot understand why there has been such a relentless campaign against the franco-Deutsche mark parity in order, apparently, to break down the last pillar of the European Monetary System. Could it be that the United States, which has done so much for European unity, is turning its back on it?

JEAN-PIERRE BRUNET, Paris.

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Elegance With an Elf Inside

By John Williams

NEW YORK — Audrey Hepburn was a wonderful woman. Like most young men in the '50s and early '60s, I was enchanted by her elfin mischief in "Roman Holiday," "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and other films. Unlike most of her admirers, I got to spend time with Audrey Hepburn — almost three decades later.

In March 1988, she undertook her first major mission for Unicef, to Ethiopia, then exhausted by civil war and drought. I was one of several Unicef staff mem-



AUDREY HEPBURN AND FRIENDS IN ETHIOPIA IN 1988. Unicef photo by John Williams.

bers who accompanied her and her devoted protector Robert Wolders. We flew across the country in comfortless, clattering transport aircraft. Audrey usually sat next to the pilot, gazing down at dried river networks, naked mountains shimmering under burning blue skies, and occasional patches of green, teeming with people. She was awed.

By the second day Audrey knew the name and background of each of the 20 people accompanying her — European pilots, Ethiopian midwives, American journalists, and Unicef officials. The elf was always in her. Her gentle sense of irony and her gift for mimicry kept everyone at ease. Once, in a hotel lobby, she inadvertently sat on my sun hat. She stood, jammed the crushed results onto her head, and pretended to be me, producing hilarity among all. Then she carefully pushed out the crumples and, with a grin, a little bow, and a kiss, returned the hat to my head.

She never complained — not in beautiful Italianate Asmara, then under siege, where the hotel had no water, nor of the grueling schedule, the unpaved tracks and the late aircraft. Her concerns were always for others, like the orphans in Mekele lining up for a lunch of grain, or for the hundreds of girls and women in rags, slopping buckets of swamp water to build an earthen dam.

She was critical only of herself. Back in Addis Ababa, preparing for a news conference, she was determined to master every nuance of the labyrinthine politics of war and drought. We spent hours over questions and answers. In the news conference she was magnificent, combining passion and logic in an alliance of eloquence for children. Only she thought she could have done better.

For me, her most endearing quality was her lack of pomp. More than once, in New York and elsewhere, I saw her step — somehow, always politely — around a line of dignitaries gathered to greet her. With open arms and a big smile, she would greet a friend, old or new, high or low or not at all on the protocol ranking. It didn't matter a whit to her.

In New York, on the day she died in Switzerland, we talked about her with our 22-year-old son, for whom the '50s is a biblical period. "She wasn't just a great star of your time," he said, "but of my time, too. She doesn't really have a time." Audrey would have seen that off with light self-mockery.

The writer is secretary of the Unicef Executive Board. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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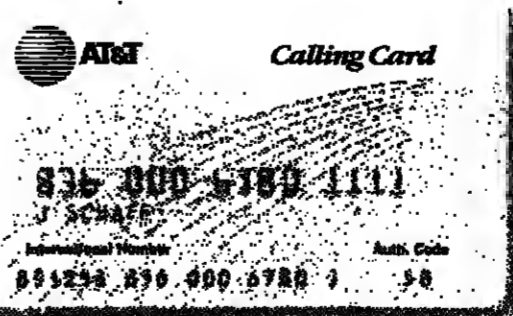
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2 Killed at CIA Headquarters Gunman Also Wounds 3, Then Eludes Police

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MCLEAN, Virginia — A gunman opened fire Monday on cars entering the grounds of the Central Intelligence Agency, killing two persons and wounding three before escaping, the police and witnesses said.

Officers said that four northbound cars were hit by gunfire as they waited to make a left turn into the main driveway of the heavily guarded compound.

The gunman then fled. A police manhunt was mounted in the wooded area.

"He was just shooting at everything," said a man who witnessed the shooting from a commuter bus. "He looked like he wanted to kill somebody — he shot everywhere."

Hospital officials said that two persons were in critical condition and the third in stable condition.

Senator Robert C. Smith, Republican of New Hampshire, was among the witnesses.

"He was just systematically walking down and shooting in the cars," Mr. Smith said. "There was no emotion that I saw. He looked at me, but my car and the others in the lane we were in were moving, and I think he decided to take the sitting

cars rather than the moving targets.

"Once he shot the people who were in the front cars, the others couldn't move, and he simply walked down the line."

The driveway where the shootings occurred leads to a tollbooth-like main gate where people are screened before being allowed into the CIA grounds.

A spokeswoman for the Fairfax County police said that the gunman emerged "walking against traffic shooting into the vehicles" at about 8 A.M.

Hours later, the two dead people were still slumped in their cars near the gate.

The police described the gunman as a white male with brown hair, 5 feet, 10 inches (1.78 meters), in a dark jacket and pants, and carrying a rifle. Witnesses said the gunman may have been wearing a semi-automatic weapon, possibly an AK-47.

A CIA spokesman confirmed that some of the dead and wounded were CIA employees, but it was not known how many. The agency had no immediate comment.

It was not known whether the shooting had any connection with the CIA or its employees. The agency's top officials do not use the main gate.

The gunman was standing between two rows of cars waiting in turning lanes and shooting down into the vehicles, said a witness, Gilbert Robinson.

"As I was approaching in my car, I heard a pop-pop sound and looked to the left and saw an agitated individual turning to the left and right shooting into cars," Mr. Robinson said. "It was surreal. It looked like something you'd see out of a dream scene."

The police said the gunman sped toward Washington, 10 miles (15 kilometers) north, in a light brown compact station wagon, although it was not clear if he was alone or others were inside the vehicle.

The main gates onto the CIA grounds are usually open during the morning and afternoon as employees arrive and leave work. Private guards employed by the agency check workers' passes and require visitors to stop and identify themselves.

The compound is surrounded by a high mesh fence; the main building is about 500 yards from the main gate. The agency headquarters are surrounded by affluent suburban homes. About 15,000 people work in the compound.

(AP, Reuters)

IRAQ: Upset With Aspin

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statement made by Secretary Aspin. Secretary Aspin's statement was wrong."

Asked about Iraq's claim to Kuwait and its territorial ambitions there, Mr. Aziz replied: "The chapter on Kuwait is closed." When pressed, he declined to elaborate.

Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990 and annexed the Gulf state until its armies were routed by U.S.-led forces the following year.

Mr. Aziz said the Iraqi offer not to shoot at Western planes flying over the south and north had no fixed time limit, and that Baghdad was giving Washington at least several months to reconsider its policy toward his country.

Iraq asserts that the oil-rich zones, established to protect Shiites in the south and Kurds in the north, are illegal.

As UN weapons inspectors started a new operation Monday, Iraq said that it had provided the United Nations with 90 percent of the names of its foreign suppliers, according to the head of the UN nuclear-weapons team.

The destruction of weapons stockpiles resumed north of Baghdad and a team of ballistics experts also arrived.

Maurizio Zifferero, the head of an eight-member team of nuclear specialists, said his mission would focus on confirming that the Iraqis had disclosed the names of all suppliers for its nuclear program.

"The Iraqis said that we have already been supplied with 90 percent," said Mr. Zifferero, an Italian with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Mr. Zifferero's team arrived in Baghdad from Bahrain along with seven ballistics-weapons experts led by a Russian, Nikita Smidovich.

Also on Monday, 25 chemical-weapons experts resumed destruction of weapons at a facility at the Al Muthanna site, 130 kilometers (80 miles) northwest of Baghdad.

(Reuters, AFP, AP)



A COMEBACK FOR HAVEL? — A group of Prague residents rallying in support of Vaclav Havel, the former president of Czechoslovakia, who is a candidate for president of the newly formed Czech Republic, which goes to the polls on Tuesday.

ETHNIC: Budapest Backing Autonomy for Hungarians in Other States

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in Slovakia, and then present it to Europe," said Frantisek Miklosko, a senior member of the Christian-Democratic party in Slovakia, which has cast itself as the less-nationalistic opposition to the government of Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar. "That precedent would be autonomy, and this is impossible."

One example of the gulf in sensibilities that divides Hungary and the surrounding countries is Prime Minister Jozsef Antall's assertion that he is the prime minister of 15 million Hungarians. Only 10.4 million people live in Hungary.

A potentially dangerous dynamic has developed between Hungary and its neighbors in which remarks from one country echo through the politics of the other.

Last year, the Hungarian defense minister, Lajos Fur, declared in an interview that his country's security policies took into account

Hungarians living outside its borders. The comment was seized on by Gheorghe Funar, a stridently anti-Hungarian politician, who used it to win his electoral campaign for the mayoralty of the ethnically-mixed Romanian city of Cluj.

Mr. Funar has since banned conferences involving Hungarians, and has tried to prohibit Hungarian-language signs identifying streets, schools, and other institutions in a city that is about 25 percent Hungarian.

The increasing pressure against ethnic Hungarians has also had its effect on domestic politics in Hungary, giving rise to a new generation of nationalist politicians campaigning for a more confrontational approach.

At his party's national congress last weekend, Mr. Antall, who has brought this country three years of stability unmatched in Central Europe, faced his greatest political challenge yet from Istvan Csurka, an opponent who openly advo-

ces Hungarian "living space." This is a literal translation of the German word "Lebensraum," which was used by Hitler to justify his conquest of Eastern Europe, and its use inspires fear here even today. Mr. Csurka has over spelled out exactly what steps should be taken, and government officials say that there are few sensible alternatives.

"We could start a war against three of seven of our neighbors," said Erno Raffay, the deputy defense minister, "but that would be ridiculous."

Both Mr. Antall, a centrist, and Mr. Csurka, a rightist leader, emerged from the congress claiming victory. While Mr. Antall prevented the party from splitting, Mr. Csurka and his strongest supporters garnered one-quarter of the seats in the party's 20-member ruling presidium. They can be expected to exert more populist pressure as the next general elections, scheduled for next year, approach.

NOT SO RARE: Americans Find Steaks Well Done

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its first restaurant five years ago in Tampa, Florida, and now has 86. "We anticipate opening our 100th restaurant this year," said Bob Sham, the company president.

But growth and expansion can saturate any market, and restaur-

ants are especially vulnerable to the whims of fashion and change. Ten years ago, low-end steak outlets like Bonanza and Ponderosa were highly popular, and so was steak on the menus of many family-style restaurants. More recently, seafood restaurants were in favor. Then tastes changed.

"To respond, family restaurants began revamping their menus to emphasize meat as consumer eating habits shifted," said Ron Paul, an analyst with Technomic. "There was a time Red Lobster was going gangbusters. Now, seafood restaurants are not doing so well. There is a cycle, and consumers will always seek variety."

For now, a juicy steak is hot, and the rationale is hardly a surprise, said Lionel Tiger, a professor of anthropology at Rutgers University who specializes in the evolution of human behavior and fails to see why the pattern of growth should out continue.

Citing "the importance of meat in human dietary evolution," he cited habits developed more than 10,000 years ago as genetic and sociological reasons that humans crave red meat. He saw little difference between a caveman sharing food with his tribe after a hunt and

a modern wedding party where steak tartare might be served. "It provides us an opportunity for celebration," Mr. Tiger said of meat eating. "That's one of the things we really like as a species. In our culture, having meat is a sign we're doing well. Even though it's not supposed to be good for us, we seek more and more public certification for how good our lives are, and one way is to go to a steak house."

Anthropological explanations aside, the success of pricier U.S. steak restaurants has also evolved amid what could easily be interpreted as hostile conditions for growth. These include not only concerns over heart disease and a pinched economy, but also fewer families in which the mother or wife stays home and cooks.

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As a result, restaurant steak diners reminiscent of those days, served with salad, baked potato and gooey dessert, have taken on psychological aspects that make them enticing for nostalgic reasons to some but mystical to others, including those with weight problems or dubious cardiovascular profiles.

Estimates of infection rates and numbers of recorded AIDS cases in Argentina and throughout the region often vary because most Latin American countries have not conducted detailed surveys. AIDS workers in most countries tend to give higher estimates of infection rates and cases than Health Ministry officials.

"As in the rest of Latin America, 30 to 50 percent of the patients who have developed the disease are not

reported," Dr. del Castillo said of Argentina.

With many of Brazil's infectious recent, doctors say the true size of Brazil's epidemic will loom graphically clear later this decade when patients start flooding hospitals. In São Paulo state, the number of people dying of AIDS quadrupled in four years, rising from 1,067 in 1987 to 4,134 in 1991.

"The difference in sero-positive populations — people infected with the virus that causes AIDS — is not that great between the United States and Brazil," said Richard G. Parker, an American anthropologist who directs an AIDS information group here. "But compared to the United States, much more of Brazil's iceberg is under the water."

Outside of Africa, Brazil ranks second in AIDS cases — with 33,938 — after the United States, which has recorded more than 242,000 cases.

Epidemiologists say that because the epidemic is older in the United States more virus carriers have developed the disease. In Brazil, where the epidemic is newer, health officials fear a surge of cases.

Young and often widowed, women who gather weekly for mutual support at a central Rio clinic are the new faces of the epidemic.

"Married women always think that they are safe," said Ana Valeria Barbosa, whose husband died of AIDS. "Then I discovered my husband was not only injecting drugs, he was bisexual."

Indeed, hidden bisexual activity by Latin American men has provided a bridge for the epidemic to enter the female population.

In Mexico, the share of AIDS patients who are women increased during the last eight years from less than 1 percent to 16 percent, according to the National Institute

for Epidemiological Diagnosis and Reference. According to Mexico's National Council for the Prevention and Control of AIDS, almost 20 percent of men infected with AIDS attribute their infection to heterosexual sex.

"But when a lot of those cases are investigated, they are indeed homosexual or bisexual men," said Dr. Carlos del Rio, the council's director. Overall, the number of recorded AIDS cases in Mexico has soared from 245 through 1986 to 11,034 through 1992, according to the Pan American Health Organization.

AIDS: The Rising Rate of Infected Women Is Helping to Fuel Latin America's Epidemic

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Dr. Marcelo del Castillo of the Hospital de Clinicas in Buenos Aires.

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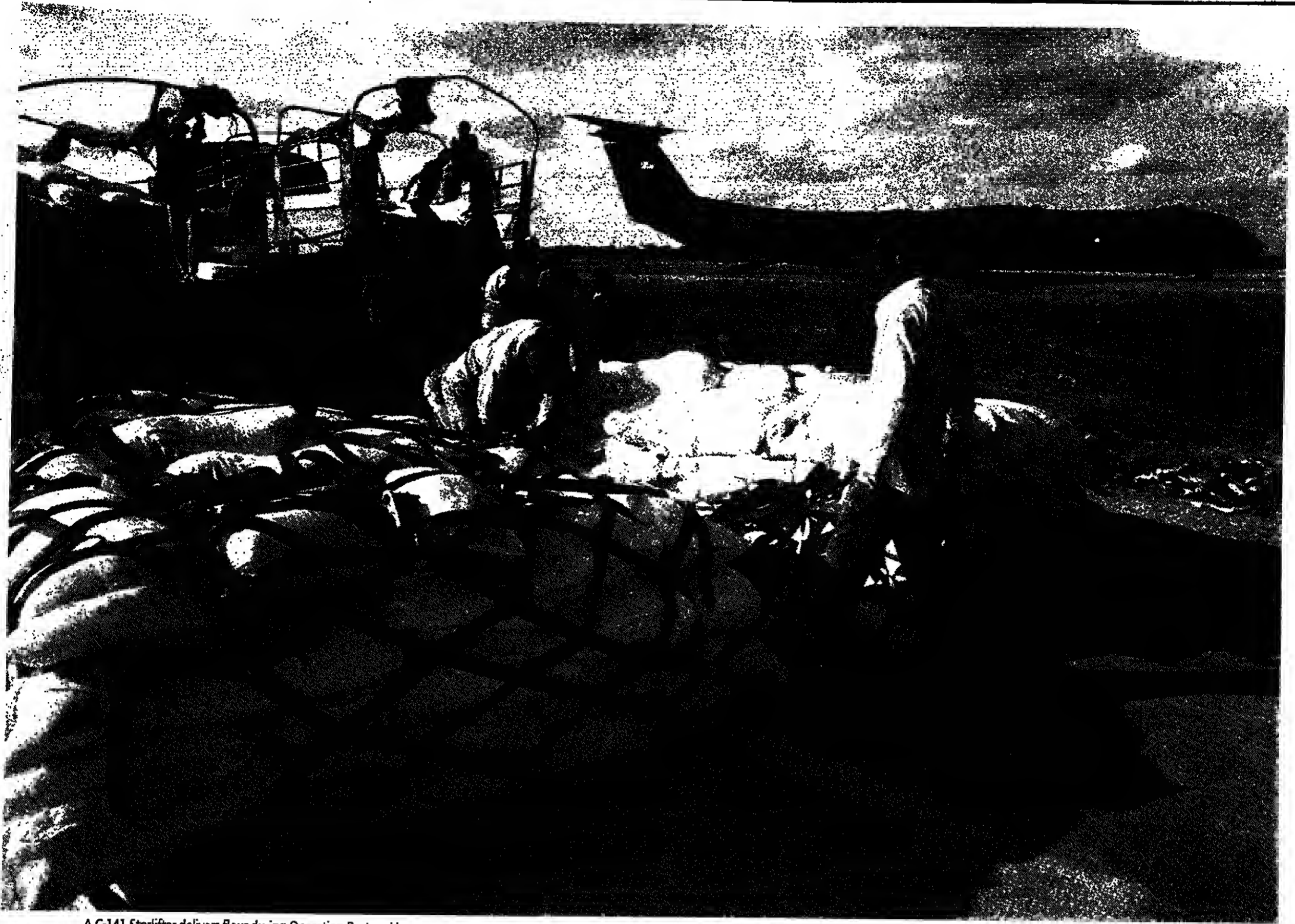
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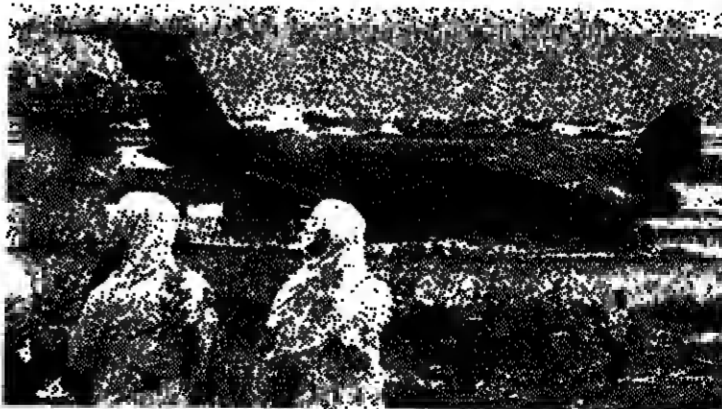
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Locked in Their Glory Days

By Suzy Menkes
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Picture the scene at Dior: center front are a princess and a baroness dressed like identical twins in flannel pants, tweed jackets, fine jewelry and well-brushed marmalade hair. On the runway is Gianfranco Ferré's goddess balanced on a plinth of high-heeled sandals, her pleated dress rising like a rigid marble column topped with a sculpted chignon. Is anyone's life quite that grand?

"Well, I liked the pants suit," said Princess Michael of Kent, who is a firm Ferré fan and was wearing an outfit from his own-label collection. Marie-Hélène de Rothschild declined to comment.

Ferré's couture shows for Dior are a mystery. Just 10 days ago in Milan he sent out a menswear collection that was dynamic in its energy, dramatic in its presentation, filled with body-conscious vitality and a sense of refined modern luxury. The Dior show, which got a frigid reception, was the opposite. Perhaps there is female flesh behind the carapace of pleated blouse,

backers, Seibu-Saison in partnership with Hermès. Scherrer was at the Dior show, but could not comment on the situation, which is in the hands of his lawyers.

If you want the glory days of haute couture, Mortensen did a grand job of recreating the stiffen-the-spine, hold-that-pose elegance circa 1955. Evening dresses were sculpted seamlessly to the body, a chiffon drape here and a gust of embroidery there. A collar would take a swallow-dive down the backbone; or flying buttresses of fabric would appear from nowhere. Hair was strictly up in a chignon. And even when a tailored jacket went over black lace Bermuda shorts, the effect was haughty rather than naughty. Monique Lang, wife of Jack Lang, France's minister of culture and education, gasped at the marvels of pleating, draping and shaping. Here too there was no sign of a female body behind the fabric, even when that was just summery wisps of chiffon.

"It's glamour — the only couture school I know," said Mortensen, trained at the right hand of Pierre Balmain. He was visibly moved as he received accolades for a show that was remarkably well crafted and finished, especially since he had just five weeks at the house. *Le Jour Paris* gave him an ovation.

Nina Ricci had much the same audience, plus Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy and his wife, Gilberte, wearing a violet brocade jacket in readiness for the cocktail party that followed the show as evening clothes followed day. Designer Gérard Pipart served up the new look for establishment ladies.

Help! What shall we do about hemlines? Soothingly soft pajama pants under a tastefully long jacket. A little dress for a summer functions? Well, Madame might like to try the new longer length — a midcalf shirtwaist dress in a slither of bright striped silk. But I've lost my waist! Then put on a floating duster coat and go with the flow. Evening dresses were pretty and pleasing as Pipart follows faithfully the graceful glamour first established in the 1930s by Italian-born Nina Ricci, the subject of a fine new book published in Paris by Editions du Régard.

At Guy Laroche, Angelo Tarlazzi should have been in his element, for the Italian designer has a way with soft silks and scarf dresses that are the feel of fashion now. Although he has his daytime silhouette on tunic over soft pants and made simple, simple, slim-line long dresses, Tarlazzi often seemed too determined to show off the skills of a fine couture atelier.

So transparency is in vogue, but who needs a fishing net of a dress in original cutouts? Why get François Lesage to work on cutouts of singed burr holes on a white dress when any careless cigarette smoker could do it for you? Tarlazzi's theme was the ocean, and there was a seashore freshness to surf-white crepe, tunics and pants in shanting the color of golden sand and to the oyster-shell or sea urchin embroideries on fluid chiffon dresses.

PIERRE Cardin was celebrating his first collection since he was honored as a member of the Beaux-Arts Academy, taking his place under the neoclassical cupola in a dark green uniform and with a modernistic sword, both designed by himself. Although Cardin's fashion spirit is an eternal search for the avant garde, his collection had blown with the prevailing winds, offering bell-bottom pants to go with bright sculpted jackets and a flutter of chiffon shirt under a car coat with crenellated hemline. He had also gone for longer skirts, mostly split front and back.

Cardin now plans to show only once a year, skipping the July season, which may set a trend.



Clockwise from top left: Scherrer's salmon pink sheath dress with a cascade of pleated ruffles, designed by Erik Mortensen. Dior's bark-brown cocktail dress with raffia bodice, tufted organza leaves and pleated bird-tail at back, designed by Gianfranco Ferré. Pierre Cardin's fluttering chiffon handkerchief-point dress patterned with grapes. Nina Ricci's airy mesh midcalf dress and straw hat, designed by Gérard Pipart.

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leather bustier and firm, if classy, tailoring. A bare leg did suddenly emerge from a vast striped djellaba — useful if traveling to the desert with a steamer trunk and planning to pitch camp on arrival.

Ferré had softened up the tailoring, giving a feminine puff to a sleeve, a flare to his usually narrow pants and a curve to the long jackets. But nothing seemed soft. The pleats, which were a theme, looked stiff as a ruyter's balance on the bosom or whipped up over the hips under an inoffensive suit. Raffa, that in Christian Lacroix's show Sunday had seemed magical couture handwork, here looked like a cane chair had been chopped up to make picture hats, bodices and even mesh gloves.

In theory, Ferré had the right ideas. The beige, coral, sunset-to-sunrise colors were subtle — although he has done them before. Ferré said he was inspired by neoclassical and the sculptures of Antonio Canova, and by Africa. But such themes need to be digested by the creative juices, not presented as a few leaves fluttering on a mousy silk dress or a pleated column of midcalf skirt that was Ferré's way to longer hemlines.

Missing from the show were Ferré's strengths in ready-to-wear: a breezy, sporty freshness and an architectural vision. After four years and eight shows for Dior, the conclusion is that Ferré will never be a great couture designer, although he has built up a clientele for the superbly crafted suits and for elaborate evening wear. His genial personality and his professionalism make him an excellent marketing tool for Dior. Bernard Arnault, sitting center-front with his wife, Hélène, probably cares much more about the commercial potential than the fact that Dior couture is an artistic flop.

The Paris old guard seem fixated on the idea of a grand, gilded world that is out of touch with modern times. Or maybe they are just preparing for the comeback of the monarchy, now that floral tributes are piled up in the Place de la Concorde, in memory of Louis XVI — the king who lost his head and his crown.

At Jean-Louis Scherrer, it was a case of "The king is dead! Loog live the king!" as Erik Mortensen revived couture for the ancien régime. He replaced the house's founder-designer who was thrown out by his financial

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'Georgette Factor' MASS-MARKET MAKEUP

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In a television studio on the West Side, video cameras and monitors surrounded a set that had the look of a chic laboratory, with beakers filled with colored liquid. A 46-year-old woman with her hair in rollers, wearing no makeup and a baggy black sweater over zebra-striped leggings, emerged from the crowd of camera operators and technicians.

"Hello," she said to a visitor. "I'm Georgette Mosbacher."

It is rare to get such an unedited glimpse of a woman who controls her image so carefully that she has had her eyebrows tattooed on and learned to color her own hair red so she will never be caught with tell-tale roots, a woman whose couture wardrobe and social visibility led Newsweek to wonder how the "Georgette factor" would affect George Bush's re-election campaign, as her husband, Robert A. Mosbacher Sr., was its chairman.

But in the studio she was all business, explaining in a throaty voice that she was about to pitch her new cosmetics line, Exclusives by Georgette Mosbacher, in one of

those 30-minute commercials otherwise known as infomercials.

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This is the new Georgette Mosbacher, reinvented for a new era. The high-living '80s have given way to the Democratic '90s, and both

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she and Mosbacher, the former commerce secretary and her third husband, are in transition.

Like the former president, Mosbacher has returned to Houston, where he has resumed his oil business. The couple gave up their rented home in Washington in which they entertained the politically powerful and now divide their time between a house in Houston and an apartment in Manhattan.

La Prairie, Mosbacher's skin-treatment line, with \$100 moisturizers, has also gone the way of the former administration. It has been sold to Biersdorf, a German conglomerate, for anywhere from \$15 million to \$45 million, industry analysts estimate. Exclusives, a full

line of makeup products packaged with a how-to video, all for less than \$100, is a more populist concept, marketed through cable television.

It seems a savvy idea and perfectly timed, yet there are those who question whether the Mos-

bacher image will play to the masses.

The Exclusives infomercial is a classic for a genre that has taken pastel hues and mind-numbing earnestness to new heights.

It hits populist buttons, too, with a money-back guarantee and an impassioned speech from Mosbacher about how the company was "created by women for women."

A staunch anti-Clinton Republican who describes herself as "pretty far to the right," Mosbacher has taken lots of flak from feminists.

In April, she wrote an op-ed article for *The New York Times* in which she asked: "Can a feminist love great clothes and wonderful shoes? Is she any less a feminist if

she has a perfect manicure? Are feminist credentials only good if a woman dresses down, wears no makeup and hates to shop?"

The letters to the editor that followed answered mostly in the pejorative.

Her humble beginnings are a frequent theme. She tells how, as the oldest of four children in an Indiana family, she was raised by a widowed mother and a grandmother, and how she worked her way through college and has seldom stopped working since, even during her three marriages, all to wealthy older men.

In 1988, she acquired La Prairie with a consortium of private backers and none of Mosbacher's money. La Prairie was a Swiss beauty company whose products were based on sheep placenta cells. She and a silent partner have invested \$3 million in the new company. Producing the infomercial alone cost \$700,000.

ONE day recently Mosbacher and company executives gathered in the New York office to review the infomercial. Lemmy Liebman, the director, was on the speakerphone, calling from San Francisco.

Only once did Mosbacher show a trace of insecurity. "Should I have taken acting lessons, Lenny?"

His response: "You command a certain presence."

"I'm sticking my neck out on this," she said. "Only two in 10 infomercials work. It's a real gamble. But if it doesn't work, it doesn't mean I've failed. I don't have to tie to my self-esteem."

"I'm lucky I'm married to a wealthy, successful, generous man, but I'm not dependent on him. I have my earning power, my own ability to maintain my life by myself. And that's true liberation. The sooner women figure that out, the better."

Mosbacher has written a self-help book for women, to be published in June by Simon & Schuster. It is titled "The Feminine Force: Release the Power Within to Create the Life You Deserve."

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U.S. Helicopters And Belgian Troops Rout Somali Force

By Keith Richburg
Washington Post Service

MOGADISHU, Somalia — U.S. forces stepped directly into the middle of Somalia's civil war for the first time Monday, as American helicopter gunships backed up Belgian paratroopers on the ground to battle the guerrilla army of a Somali warlord who was threatening to attack the southern port of Kismayo.

Monday's battle — the most serious direct clash yet between foreign forces and one of Somalia's armed clan factions — came amid reports of a deteriorating security situation in Kismayo, where in recent days at least six Belgian troops have been injured in 10 separate grenade attacks. The Belgians have killed three Somalis in bloody shoot-outs and some foreign relief workers said they were evacuating expatriate staffers from the city and scaling back the number of relief flights there because of the escalating violence.

Much of the hostility in Kismayo appears to be directed against foreigners, including aid workers and the U.S. Army soldiers and Belgian paratroopers who are on the ground trying to establish order. Earlier this month, the Kismayo representative of the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF,

was assassinated, and last weekend, hundreds of Kismayo residents staged a protest against the intervention by foreign troops.

Unlike the generally warm reception the foreign soldiers have received in other Somali towns, the U.S. and Belgian troops in Kismayo have been pelted with rocks and greeted with ebats of "Out, Out!" according to recent visitors and foreign aid workers. Marine Colonel Fred Peck, the U.S. military spokesman, said, "Obviously the situation is worse now than it was a week ago," but, still speaking of Kismayo, he said he knew of no reason for the recent upsurge to attacks against foreign troops and expatriates.

Monday's battle took place just northwest of the city, where the guerrilla army loyal to the former Somali dictator, Mohammed Siad Barre, appeared poised to launch an offensive against Kismayo despite repeated American warnings.

In the six weeks of the American-led intervention, U.S. officials have refused to intervene in Somalia's clan wars, for fear of having to choose sides and becoming entangled in historic feuds.

U.S. military officials in the Somali capital said four American helicopters firing rockets and machine guns destroyed six "technicals," the Somali name for four-wheel-drive vehicles mounted with anti-aircraft or heavy machine guns, as well as an armored vehicle and a rocket launcher.

The helicopters provided air cover for a squadron of Belgian paratroopers who battled the ill-equipped Somali militia for more than an hour on the ground.

The officials said none of the foreign troops was injured in the encounter.

Following their usual practice, the U.S. officials gave no estimate of Somali casualties. But figures from the International Committee of the Red Cross, based on the number of patients received at the Kismayo hospital, indicated that as many as 40 Somalis may have been wounded.

General Mohammed Said Hersi Morgan, the warlord who is the son-in-law of the country's deposed dictator, had been threatening for months to seize Kismayo from a rival warlord, Colonel Omar Jess.

Colonel Jess is loosely allied with Somalia's leading warlord, General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, and since the arrival of U.S. troops last month, both Colonel Jess and General Aidid have agreed to move many of their young soldiers, and much of their heavy weapons, into camps under U.S. control.

The U.S. military commander in charge of Kismayo had tried to arrange a meeting with General Morgan, and U.S. officials said they had been in contact with him by radio at least twice. They said they had tried to persuade him to call off his assault and to withdraw his troops to a point at least 30 kilometers from Kismayo.

U.S. officials said they ordered the attack on General Morgan's forces to begin at 10 A.M. after the warlord ignored their warnings to retreat.

"They were warned yesterday to break contact and to pull back," said Colonel Peck. "They were warned again this morning."

In other engagements between foreign troops and Somalis over the past day, two Somalis were wounded by French troops after firing on a French mine-clearing vehicle in Hoddur town, and two more Somalis were wounded Sunday night by Italian troops after five Somalis drove through a checkpoint in North Mogadishu and jumped out of their car firing automatic rifles.

Rabin Expresses Pessimism on Mideast Talks, Citing Format

By Clyde Haberman
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin criticized the basic format of the Middle East peace talks on Monday as "not a successful one," but said it would be "a waste of time" for Israel to try changing it.

Israel has never reached agreements "when it negotiated with more than one Arab party," the prime minister told senior government officials at a meeting in the Negev.

Under the peace-talks formula, accepted by the previous Likud government in October 1991, Israel has negotiated simulta-

neously with separate delegations representing Palestinians in the occupied territories and Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

In addition, on a separate "multilateral" track, Israel, Arab states and countries outside the Middle East have met periodically over the last year to discuss regional issues like arms control, refugees problems and water resources.

When he and his Labor Party took office in July, Mr. Rabin predicted that within nine months to a year his government and the Palestinian team would work out a deal for an interim form of Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Six months later, the meter is running hard,

and his chances of meeting that deadline seem increasingly slim.

The prime minister said progress with the Palestinians was uncertain because they "do not have a consolidated leadership."

Rabin aides insisted that his dour assessment of the basic format did not mean that he was resigned to failure. It was not the first time that he had expressed his displeasure with the existing arrangements, they said, adding that Mr. Rabin was simply saying that he would have preferred a different structure for the talks.

"He's been saying that this formula makes it like an international conference,"

said Gad Ben-Ari, the prime minister's spokesman. For years, Israel has resisted anything that smacks of an international conference on the territories it holds, arguing that it would be overwhelmed by Arab states and their supporters, with its security seriously compromised in the process.

Even as Mr. Rabin spoke, other Israeli officials sounded more upbeat notes, especially on the prospects for progress with Syria. Israel has offered to give up parts of the Golan Heights, captured from the Syrians in the 1967 war, in return for a full peace that, Mr. Rabin's words, "stands on its own two legs." While Syria has said that it wants peace, it has not spelled out what it

means to the Israelis' satisfaction, and, besides, it insists on getting back all of the Golan.

But Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, said that recent statements by President Hafez Assad of Syria suggest that he is heading closer to peace.

"Whoever knows Assad's style had to be impressed by the optimistic color in the Syrians' cheeks," Mr. Peres said. "I think there is movement among them."

Itamar Rabinovitch, Israel's chief negotiator in the talks with Syria, was quoted in the press as predicting "a takeoff in the peace talks," probably in April or May.

Pretoria Probes Site For Bodies

By Bill Keller
New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG — Authorities deployed arc lights and earth-movers Monday night in excavating a farm where a former policeman said anti-apartheid activists had been beaten to death and buried by the police.

Johnny Mokaleng told the Sowetan newspaper he was present when four detainees were beaten, tortured with electric prods and buried in October 1988 on the farm, near Rustenburg, 130 miles (80 miles) northwest of Johannesburg.

Mr. Mokaleng, who repeated his allegations to the police Monday, estimated that as many as 20 victims were buried at the site. On the night he was there, Mr. Mokaleng said, police officers had a barbecue and drank beer and brandy while a team of detainees dug the graves. One of the victims, he said, was still breathing when he was dropped in.

President Frederik W. de Klerk dispatched two police generals to investigate the claims.

Reporters and independent observers assembled to watch the excavation, which was delayed late into the night because the site proved to be inside the black homeland of Bophuthatswana.

A spokesman said the police were skeptical of the former constable's charges, "but on the other side, it could be true — and we could be sitting on something too terrible to contemplate."

Mr. Mokaleng said he recognized the name of one victim, Stanza Bopape, a 28-year-old anti-apartheid campaigner detained by police in 1988 and not seen since. The police said he had escaped from three officers while wearing handcuffs and leg irons.

If bodies are found, they would lend credence to allegations that the police often tortured and murdered suspects in custody — allegations that Mr. de Klerk's top police officials have treated dismissively.

The case also touches at least one member of Mr. de Klerk's inner circle, Adriaan Vlok, who as minister of law and order supported the police version of Mr. Bopape's purported escape and refused to identify the officers involved. Mr. Vlok is now the minister in charge of prisons.

Turkish Leader in Kuwait

Reuters
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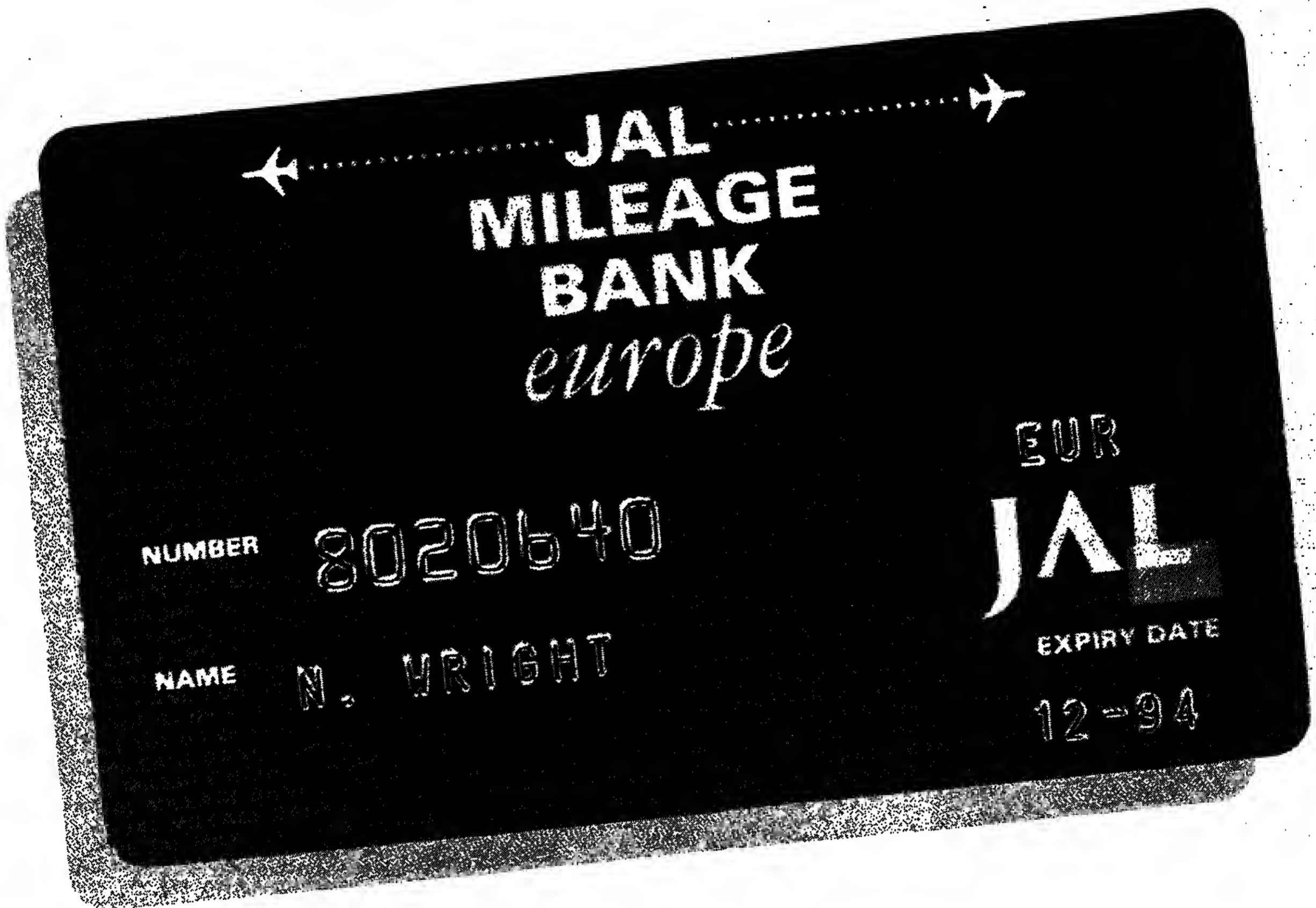
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Aid to Kurds: Enough for Subsistence, Not Enough for Economic Independence

By Jonathan C. Randal
Washington Post Service

ARBIL, Iraq — Hundreds of trucks loaded with international relief supplies are rolling into Iraqi Kurdistan from Turkey to try to save the Kurds from another winter of starvation and freezing.

But even while relief agencies are paving Kurdistan's back roads with good intentions, their food convoys are masking, and in fact accelerating, a longer-term problem: the eventual collapse of Kurdistan's crumbling infrastructure.

The deterioration of Kurdistan's roads — plus the lack of spare parts for shut-down factories, crippled power plants, transformers,

bulldozers, tractors, trucks and cars — underlines the limited scope of aid from the United Nations, the United States and the European Community.

Beyond providing emergency aid to sustain the Kurds through the winter, these donors are reluctant to offer help that could further the Iraqi Kurds' "independence by stealth," as some Western diplomats call their present autonomous status, for fear of upsetting neighboring Turkey, Iran and Syria, all with restive Kurdish minorities.

Initially wary of any contact with Kurds, the Bush administration gradually came to see them as the most organized element in a united opposition that had pledged to keep Iraq

together as a democratic, pluralistic state. But although the other members of the Iraqi opposition seem to have acquiesced in the possibility that the Kurds' present autonomous status could be a prelude to a break from Iraq, the neighboring states and the Western allies suspicious of Kurdish independence.

Thus, nearly two years after Iraqi Kurds answered President George Bush's call to overthrow Saddam Hussein — and then had to be rescued when their rebellion collapsed and 2 million fled to the mountainous borders — the Kurds are not receiving aid that would permit them economic independence.

As the Kurds see it, the United States and its major allies are facilitating Mr. Saddam's slow

strangulation of the 3.4 million Iraqi Kurds living outside his reach in northern Iraq.

The Kurds argue that Baghdad's 15-month blockade against Kurdistan aimed at depriving the Kurds of food and fuel is more biting because of the coalition allies' indecision about whether to provide the Iraqi opposition, including the Kurds, with money, weapons and military backing to get rid of Mr. Saddam.

Their economic problems were partly obscured last year by political events. Iraqi Kurdistan held its first free elections and established a parliament and government for the autonomous region. The Iraqi Kurds fought a month-long war against Turkish Kurdish guerrillas to stop them from using Iraqi territory to stage

raids into Turkey. And the Kurds were host to an Iraqi opposition summit conference.

But now their autonomous government's revenue, raised mainly by taxing trucks crossing the Turkish border, has dropped by two-thirds to \$40,000 a day.

The Kurdish government may, in fact, have trouble paying its 200,000 employees their monthly salary of \$10.

One minister confided that "no actual work is going on in my ministry or many others because we have no money."

The seven-month government of the Kurdish autonomous zone has been asking that UN sanctions against Iraq, which apply to Kurdi-

stan, as well, be lifted in cases that would be of benefit to the Kurds.

Its requests vary from a \$10 million project to produce and refine enough oil to satisfy the autonomous zone's needs to \$20,000 to import a sunflower press to produce edible oil and reduce reliance on foreign relief.

Shortages of fertilizer, pesticides and diesel fuel frustrate Kurdish efforts to restore their food self-sufficiency, which Mr. Saddam ended in 1988 as punishment for their rebelliousness during his eight-year war with Iran.

For most Kurds, especially those in towns and cities, conditions are so bad that one leading politician said he could "not remember such poverty since World War II."

In Kuwait Once Again, U.S. Troops Ask Why There's Another Hitch

By Chris Hedges
New York Times Service

KUWAIT — When Captain Michael P. Maughan, 39, left Kuwait after the Gulf War two years ago, he thought he had seen the last of the flat desert wasteland he had called home for six months.

But the company commander from Eugene, Oregon, is again putting 120 men through live-fire exercises and training maneuvers 40 kilometers (25 miles) from hostile Iraqi troops to the north.

"I had no idea that I would ever come back," he said, as a Bradley M-2A2 Infantry Fighting Vehicle rattled off 25mm shells at an abandoned Iraqi tank on the horizon. "I thought that after Desert Storm, that was it."

It wasn't. And many in the 1,100-man task force, which was hastily dispatched to Kuwait after a recent resurgence of tensions with Iraq, now believe that President George Bush called for an end to the 1991 hostilities too soon.

"I think most of us can see that we should have taken care of it before," Private Eric J. Friberg said. "Hindsight is always 20-20."

The exercises are part of a 10-year defense pact with Kuwait. Kuwait, an oil-producing nation with one of the highest standards of living in the world, was invaded by Iraqi forces in August 1990. The United States sent a half-million troops to Saudi Arabia, and, with soldiers from allies that included France, Britain, Egypt and Syria, swiftly drove Iraqi troops from the tiny emirate in a ground offensive in February 1991.

On Feb. 28, Mr. Bush ordered a halt to coalition attacks on Iraqi troops, who by then were retreating through southern Iraq. The Iraqi Army was able to escape with thousands of armored vehicles, heavy weapons and aircraft. Many of their finest units, some of Republican Guard troops, left in the rear during the fighting, were unscathed.

After using his surviving firepower to put down rebellions by the Kurdish minority in the north and Shiite Muslim rebels in the south, President Saddam Hussein began to challenge the West in a series of cease-fire violations that led to the recent spate of attacks by allied warplanes and missiles.

Once again U.S. soldiers, albeit in much smaller numbers, are suffering from the tedium and harshness of the desert, wondering if they will have to go into battle. Once again Mr. Saddam bellows about Kuwait's being part of Iraq and belittles his Western critics. And once again allied warplanes and missiles batter Iraqi positions and shoot down Iraqi aircraft not far from where U.S. soldiers are encamped.

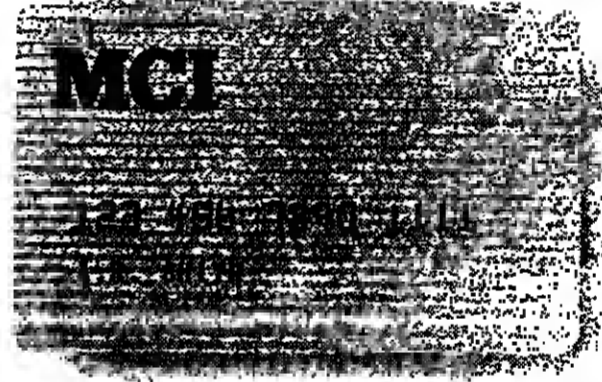
Captain Maughan said he was surprised when he was first sent back to Kuwait in September. He was even more surprised when a little more than two weeks ago, after he left Kuwait for the second time, he was ordered to pack up and return.

For the members of Company A, 9th Infantry, 1st Cavalry Division, there are ample reminders of the scale of the Gulf conflict. Hundreds of Iraqi 130mm artillery pieces, their brown snouts pointed at varying angles toward the powder-blue desert sky, cover acres of sand in storage compounds. In other parts of the desert, the gutted remains of heavy trucks and jeep and even private cars lie in a jumble of twisted metal. And the ground is still covered with shell casings, fragments of discarded equipment and old green ammunition boxes.

U.S. officials say the Americans were deployed in Kuwait on an open-ended and unscheduled training mission as part of Washington's commitment to the security of its allies in the Gulf.

But to many soldiers gunning their vehicles through the desert, the decision in 1991 to let Iraqi troops and tank columns flee to safety, saluted at the time as a humanitarian gesture, appears foolish. It means that the war they once thought they had won is not over.

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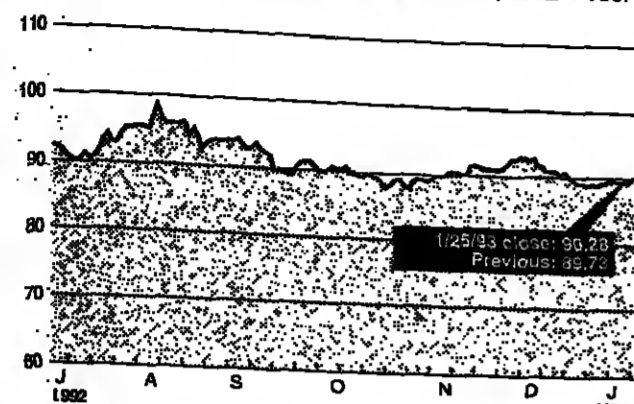
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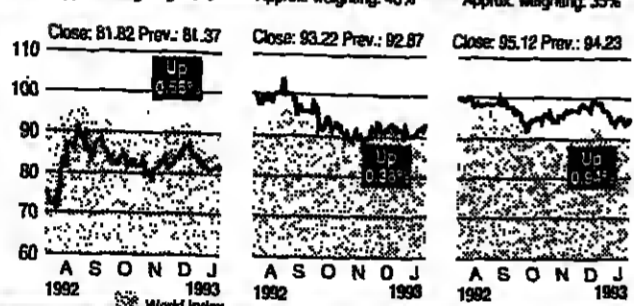


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AmEx Stays In-House for New CEO

NEW YORK — After weeks of public turmoil, American Express Co. on Monday elected Harvey Golub as its new chief executive but said James D. Robinson 3d would remain as chairman of the charge-card and travel giant.

Robinson would remain as chairman of American Express, which he has led for 15 years. Mr. Golub, 53, also will continue as chairman and chief executive of American Express' flagship Travel Related Services unit.

Brighter View On Deficit Lifts Bonds, Stocks

NEW YORK — A mighty surge in the government bond market, triggered by excitement over the Clinton administration's plans to cut the budget deficit, pushed interest rates down on Monday and gave Wall Street stocks a solid lift.

New OPEC Approach Boosts Oil Prices

NEW YORK — Oil prices surged to a four-week high Monday after Saudi Arabia and Iran, OPEC's largest producers, agreed in principle to reduce oil output in the second quarter.

and European refineries has contributed to an 18 percent decline, about \$4 a barrel, in the price of crude oil, traders said.

INTERNATIONAL STOCKS Recession-Resistant VEBA Leads German 'Buy' Lists

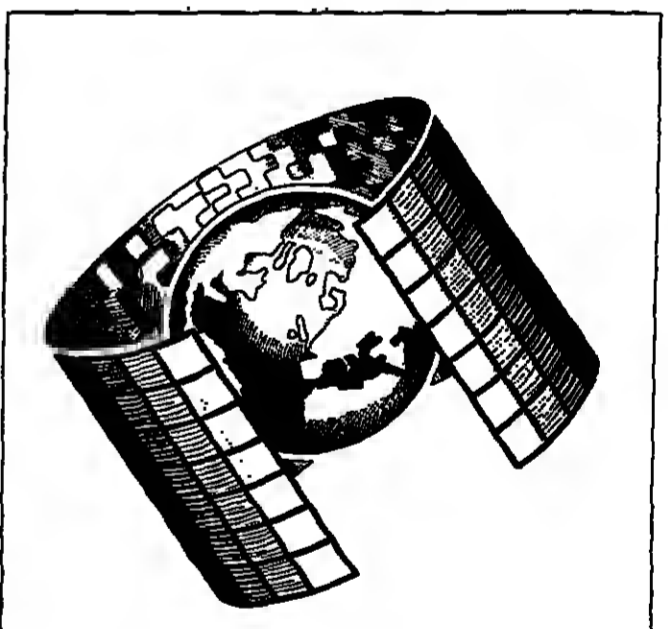
By Nao Nakanishi. BONN — The diversified utility group VEBA AG is one of Germany's top stocks to ride through the recession, despite the lower earnings expected for 1992, analysts say.

Earnings Rise 30% At Merrill

NEW YORK — Merrill Lynch & Co. stock jumped Monday after the biggest U.S. brokerage posted a 30 percent rise in fourth-quarter profit.

British Firms Get India Deals

NEW DELHI — Britain and India, seeking to boost trade and business ties during Prime Minister John Major's visit, agreed Monday to set up two joint ventures worth \$156 million.



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South Korea to Cut Interest Rates

SEOUL — Finance Minister Rhee Yong Man of South Korea said Monday that the central bank's discount rate would be cut to 5 percent from 7 percent, and its discount rate for trade notes to 6 percent from 7 percent, effective Tuesday.

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Large table containing currency exchange rates for various countries and interest rates for different terms and currencies.

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MARKET DIARY

New Rate Outlook Punishes the Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches
NEW YORK — The dollar continued to tumble Monday, undermined by shifting expectations for U.S. and German interest rates.

liminary report that the M-3 money supply rose at an annual rate of 8.8 percent in December, well above the Bundesbank's 1992 target of 3.5 to 5.5 percent.

STOCKS: Brighter Deficit View

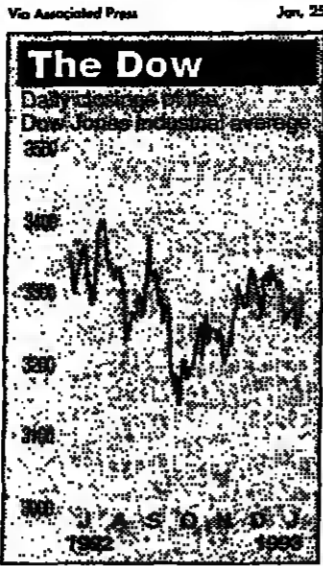
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Advanced Investment Management, said the bond market was right about Mr. Clinton, but for the wrong reason.

On the stock market, oil issues were also boosted from stronger-than-expected earnings released by companies including Amoco, Exxon, Texaco and Mobil.

Chicago Board of Trade to Take Over Comex

NEW YORK — In the face of strong competition from overseas and from Wall Street, the Chicago Board of Trade has agreed to take over New York's Commodity Exchange, exchange officials said Monday.

Under the agreement, the CBOT, the world's largest futures exchange, would become the sole equity owner, the CBOT chairman, Patrick Arbor, said at a news conference.



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Chen Computer Unit Closes Down

EAU CLAIRE, Wisconsin (AP) — Supercomputer Systems Inc., hit by a cutoff of its funding from IBM, has closed its operations, costing 300 workers their jobs, it was said Monday.

Exxon Jumps as Earnings Rise 25%

IRVING, Texas (Bloomberg) — Leading major oil companies in announcing higher fourth-quarter profits, Exxon Corp. said Monday its earnings rose 25 percent because of lower expenses, higher U.S. natural gas prices and higher sales of oil products and chemicals.

Bankers Trust Net Rose 24%

NEW YORK (AP) — Bankers Trust New York Corp. said Monday its fourth-quarter earnings rose 24 percent, the latest in a series of large gains to report improving profits.

For the Record

Nyxer Corp. said it would repurchase as many as 8 million of its 207 million common shares over a period of as long as 10 years as part of employee stock-option plans adopted last year, and will buy another 2.6 million shares this year as part of an employee savings plan.

Weekend Box Office

"Aladdin" took in an estimated \$7.4 million in the United States over the weekend, bringing its total take to \$147 million and winning it the title of top money-making animated film.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table of world stock markets including Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Madrid, Paris, Tokyo, Sydney, Toronto, Zurich, Johannesburg, Johannesburg, Johannesburg.

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British Business Gains Confidence

LONDON — Optimism among British manufacturers has shown its sharpest rise for almost five years...

A quarterly survey by the Confederation of British Industry showed an increase in overall confidence and a belief that orders both for domestic and export markets would rise in the coming months.

lion) rise in lending by bank and building societies, indicating that businesses and consumers remain nervous of taking on fresh debt.

Business optimism may be the highest for five years but it's not yet at the level of 1983, let alone in the heady days of 1987...

Scottish Workers Bid Low

Hoover is moving hundreds of vacuum-cleaner production jobs from France to Scotland...

Takers Are Few In London's Office Market

LONDON — Take-up of office space in London's financial center fell 50.7 percent in December to 81,370 square feet...

December's take-up was the lowest since May 1983, Richards Saunders said.

At BMW, Gains and A Warning

BONN — The German automaker BMW said Monday that sales had risen 4.7 percent last year and profit was as strong as could be expected in an economic slump...

In a letter to stockholders, Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said group revenue rose to 31.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$19.4 billion) in 1992.

BMW, which benefited from the launch of its restyled 3 series in 1992, gave no earnings figures but the pessimistic statement sent the stock tumbling on the Frankfurt stock exchange.

Dutch Said Ready to Bail Out DAF

Analysts See a Package Totaling at Least \$275 Million

By Barbara Smit

AMSTERDAM — The Dutch government has agreed to rescue DAF NV from collapse by agreeing to invest several hundred million guilders in the troubled truck manufacturer, analysts said Monday.

DAF and the Economic Affairs Ministry declined to confirm that a rescue package had been agreed upon.

But DAF said a restructuring plan was to be unveiled in Eindhoven on Tuesday, and a ministry spokesman, Lucas Van Zipp, said: "We are in talks with all relevant parties and we will send a letter to Parliament on Tuesday."

Trading in DAF shares was suspended in Amsterdam pending the outcome of last-minute negotiations between the company, the ministry and a banking consortium led by ABN-AMRO Holding NV.

Analysts said DAF needed at least 500 million guilders (\$277 million) to pull through the deep crisis in the European truck market.

Another analyst close to the talks, who requested anonymity, predicted: "The government-controlled National Investment Bank will take up the whole issue of fresh DAF shares and give a guarantee for straight loans from commercial banks."

Over the last three years, DAF has posted losses of nearly 725 million guilders. It also is expected to report a loss of about 225 million for 1992.

The rescue package followed investigations by the consultants Coopers & Lybrand and Arthur D. Little, which concluded that DAF could survive as an independent company in the long term.

The emergency cash injection from the government was certain to be coupled with more restructuring. Analysts said the most likely targets for cutbacks or possible sale were the financing subsidiary DAF Finance, the military equipment division Special Products, and DAF Leyland, the British van and truckmaker.

The moves could face opposition from Brussels. Richard Brakenhoff, analyst at Pierson, Holding & Pierson, said: "Times have been tough for everybody in the truck business and other European manufacturers won't be pleased. After all, it's a kind of government subsidy."

Wessanen Dominates Bols Merger

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

AMSTERDAM — The beverage company Erven Lucas Bols NV and the food producer Wessanen NV, setting the terms of their stock-swap merger, said Monday that Wessanen shareholders would hold the majority interest in the new company, with 54.5 percent.

Bols shareholders will hold 45.5 percent of the merged company, to be called Bols Wessanen.

Wessanen will make a public offer for Bols' entire share capital and implement a share split on the basis of 2.5 shares of 2 guilders nominal for each existing 5 guilder share.

Taking account of this Bols Wessanen will offer 1.185 new shares for each Bols share.

Last week, Wessanen shares slumped on fears the merger would take place on equal terms, as Wessanen's market capitalization is about 1.7 billion guilders (\$950 million) and Bols' 1.3 billion.

The stocks closed little changed Monday, at 46.60 guilders a share for Bols and 98.20 for Wessanen.

The food company's chairman, Peter Bakker Schut, will be chairman of Bols Wessanen until 1995 when he retires. The Bols chairman, Robert Schipper, will be vice-chairman and will take over as chairman in 1995.

The companies' chairmen argued at a news conference that the merger was good for shareholders.

The shareholder lobbying group VEB said last week that investors could have expected a foreign predator to pay 20 times earnings to buy either of the two companies, against current ratios of 11 for Bols and 14 for Wessanen.

"Long-term yield growth is more important than a short-term gain," Mr. Schipper said.

The two companies said that together they could double sales to \$9.6 billion and triple net profit to \$750 million by the year 2000.

This would be done, they said, by joining their financial strength for acquisitions, by giving Bols access to Wessanen's product-development capability and by giving Wessanen the benefit of Bols' marketing expertise.

The merger will also create a better balance in product portfolio and geographical spread.

The new company will derive nearly half its sales from cheese and other dairy products, 21 percent from spirits, wines and aperitifs, 15 percent from distribution activities, and the remainder from nonalcoholic drinks and other consumer products.

Some 64 percent of Wessanen's 1992 sales were in the United States, while 89 percent of Bols' sales were in Europe.

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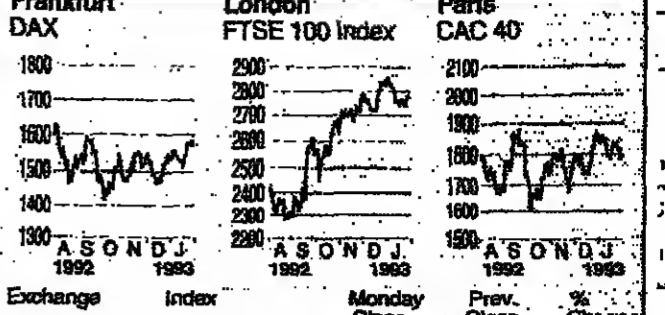


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JAPAN: Official Warns U.S. Not to Impose Sanctions

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U.S. Hopes Drive Roussel

PARIS — Roussel-Uclaf shares surged Monday after President Bill Clinton's announcement that the company's abortion pill would be allowed into the United States...

NYSE Market Data: Monday's Closing, 12 Month High/Low Stock, NYSE High-Lows, NEW HIGHS 195, NEW LOWS 11

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SEARS: Another Icon Breaks as Store Group Plans Closures and Layoffs

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to improve profits from a reduced base of assets.

This still leaves Sears a national retailing power, with businesses grossing \$28 billion unaffected by the cuts. The catalogues and other retailing businesses that were shrunken Monday represent only 12 percent of merchandising revenues.

Peter Siris of UBS Securities, who has been predicting for months that Sears would have to do what it did Monday, said that what is left represents "a very successful business." Then what took Sears' management so long to get rid of its high-cost and low-profit divisions?

"They never had any numbers," he said. "They collected their information by store and not by product

line, so management did not know how much they were making. They never knew until recently how much the catalogue was making or losing. They started to ask the right questions four or five years ago.

"But it's like turning around an aircraft carrier in the middle of the ocean before you get the information to get on the right course, and that's where they're headed now," he said.

The Sears cutbacks immediately rippled through other businesses. R.R. Donnelley & Sons, which has printed Sears catalogues for 80 years and is the nation's largest printer, said the loss of its Sears business threatened its big printing plants in Chicago and nearby Elgin, Illinois.

Sears is also slimming down and focusing its home service business. Its home improvement business will be marketed only by its own licensees, its home appliance repair centers will be consolidated, and its tire and auto centers will focus on light auto adjustments rather than major repairs.

Sears automobile service centers created a national scandal last summer when it was discovered that employees, who had been shifted from straight salary to incentive pay schemes, were doing millions of dollars in unnecessary repairs.

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NASDAQ

Monday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

12 Month High	12 Month Low	Stock	Div	Yield %	P/E	High	Low	Close	Change
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Monday's Closing
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Boycott Of Cathay Threatened

HONG KONG — A coalition of supporters of striking Cathay Pacific flight attendants said Monday that it would launch an international campaign to boycott the airline unless Cathay dropped its threat to dismiss strikers.

The coalition includes the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions and political, religious and feminist organizations. Talks between Cathay's management and the Flight Attendants Union, mediated by the government's Labor Department, continued Monday but the temperature of the 12-day-old dispute rose.

Cathay Pacific announced late Sunday that cabin crews failed to report for duty by midnight on Wednesday would be forced to re-schedule flights for a place on February work rosters. "They will no longer be on the payroll," a spokesman said Monday.

The FAU spokeswoman, Rachel Varghese, said the move was "clearly designed to intimidate people" back to work.

The coalition said in a statement that the airline's management was "trying to strangle the right of labor to engage in industrial action." The airline said it operated 71 of its 81 scheduled flights normally on Monday.

New Qantas Chairman

Gary Pemberton, managing director of Brambles Industries Ltd., will become chairman of Qantas Ltd. on completion of the sale of a 25 percent stake in the airline to British Airways PLC, Transport and Communications Minister Bob Collins said Monday.

AFP-Extel News quoted him as saying Mr. Pemberton, a former director of the state-owned domestic carrier Australian Airlines, would succeed the current chairman, Bill Dix, at the head of a new board.

Russia Buys Australian Food Singapore's Trading Arm Will Serve as Intermediary

PERTH, Australia — The way has been cleared for major trading in food between Western Australia and Russia through the trading arm of the Singapore government, the Western Australian agriculture minister, Ernie Bridge, said Monday.

He said that the major obstacle, Russia's lack of hard currency, had been overcome by the involvement of Intraco, the Singapore unit, which will buy and sell Russian produce, realizing the hard currency that Russia will need to pay for products from Western Australia.

Intraco would also buy meat, dairy goods, seafood, wool, fruit, grain and other produce from Western Australia to supply to the city of Vladivostok and the surrounding Primorsky Territory. The Australian imports are expected to be available in Vladivostok beginning in March.

Five Russian trade officials, including Igor Tcheranski, the first vice-governor of the Pri-

morsky Territory, have recently visited Perth to examine some of the goods available under the agreement. Mr. Tcheranski said it was hoped the agreement would extend beyond basic foods to such goods as telecommunications equipment.

In Sydney, Prime Minister Paul Keating was quoted Monday in the Australian Financial Review as saying that he backed the idea of free trade between Australia and Japan and believed the two countries could form a core partnership in efforts to liberalize trade in the region. He said that Japan was a natural partner for Australia and a bilateral free trade deal would be worth considering.

In Tokyo, a Foreign Ministry official said a bilateral free trade pact was not under formal consideration. "Both sides have agreed that we should discuss trade problems bilaterally and there are various ideas about what to do, but there is no concrete plan," the official commented.

(AFP, Reuters)

Miyazawa Resists Tax Cut Pressure

TOKYO — Japan's government came under pressure Monday to pump life into withered personal consumption by introducing drastic income-tax cuts. But Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, who must try and resuscitate the economy even as revenues falter, signaled he was not about to give way on taxes.

"It is just natural for the government to conduct a deep cut in income tax when real spending is slumping," Sadao Yamahana, chairman of the opposition Social Democratic Party, said in parliament.

"We believe an income-tax cut worth 2 trillion yen is feasible without issuing deficit-covering bonds," Mr. Yamahana said, speaking of an amount equivalent to about \$16 billion.

Koshiro Ishida, chairman of another opposition group, Komeito, said in the parliamentary session that Japan must lower income taxes by some 4 trillion to 5 trillion yen and issue deficit-financing bonds.

Opposition party leaders and business leaders have blamed weak personal spending for blocking a recovery in the nation's economy. The government, especially the Finance Ministry, has refused to commit to reducing income tax revenues and growing government debt.

Also Monday, the Bank of Japan governor, Yasuhiro Mieno, said government efforts to foster growth would soon spark a recovery, and he made no mention of a widely expected cut in Japan's official discount rate. The Nihon Keizai newspaper reported Saturday that the central bank would cut the rate by between 0.5 and 0.75 of a percentage point by the end of February.

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China Welcomes Transport Investment

BEIJING — China will allow joint ventures and foreign investment in construction and operation of roads, waterways and ports, the People's Daily reported Monday.

The decision was announced at a Ministry of Communications conference, the official newspaper said. The ministry oversees China's over-extended road and sea transport network.

Hong Kong's Hopewell has already entered a joint venture with a Chinese construction of three road projects in the Southern province of Guangdong.

South Korea's Pohang Iron & Steel announced in December that it was negotiating joint construction of an \$8 billion highway from Hong Kong to Beijing. Hong Kong's Hutchison Whampoa in August agreed in principle to jointly invest \$1.1 billion to renovate and manage a container port in Shanghai.

The newspaper said Chinese-foreign management of berths, including packaging, storage, loading and "related transport fields," would be encouraged.

While China's economy grew at 12 percent last year, total freight traffic grew by only 3.4 percent. Rail freight traffic grew 3 percent.

Separately, Hong Kong China News Service reported that the authorities in Shanghai had adopted relaxed regulations to allow more people to engage in private business.

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Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, and various stock indices. Includes a line graph showing trends from 1992 to 1993.

Very briefly:

- CRA Ltd. of Australia said mining operations in Indonesia showed significant increases in production of gold and coal last year.
• Comalco Ltd. of Australia said it produced 383,630 tons of primary grade aluminum in 1992, down 2 percent from a year earlier.
• Pioneer Electronic Corp.'s marketing subsidiary in Belgium has bought a 66 percent stake in Mique Diffusion Francaise SA, Pioneer's distributor in France since 1975.
• Merrill Lynch Japan Inc. will close branches in Kyoto, Kobe and Yokohama and consolidate their business in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.
• Nikko Securities Co. will cut executive salaries by 5 to 10 percent to cope with depressed stock-market trading.
• The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said Japan's output of cars, trucks and buses in 1992 declined 5.6 percent from a year earlier, to 12.5 million vehicles.
• Toyota Motor Corp. said it had received approval from the Taiwan government to build a second assembly plant there.
• Mitsubishi Motors Corp. expects its 1993 domestic sales to rise 2 percent to 760,000 vehicles and its exports to rise 3 percent to 670,000 vehicles.
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SPORTS SUPER BOWL

Shula Sees 2 Motivated Teams

By Don Shula

They have demonstrated poise. They have shown their toughness. They are young and peaking and have defeated experienced playoff teams to get to Super Bowl XXVII.

But the Dallas Cowboys have never faced the no-huddle offense, especially as practiced by the Buffalo Bills. And the Bills, as they demonstrated against us in the American Football Conference championship, are healthy again.

Buffalo's is a relentless offense that puts pressure on a defense. How well the Bills execute that offense, and how well the Cowboys are able to defend against it, could determine the outcome.

Of course motivation counts. And on Sunday both the Cowboys and the Bills should have sufficient motivation — the Bills with an elite list of players but two straight Super Bowl losses, the Cowboys with their great tradition but only a recent resurgence in the National Conference.

At bottom, though, these are teams of quality. You don't get this far by merely looking for revenge or trying to equal past greatness.

As a coach, when I am confronted by a team like Buffalo, with its collection of all-stars, I want to know: Are they healthy?

The Bills are healthy. Jim Kelly had a big game against us in the conference championship, returning from a knee injury, and he has had enough time to heal further. Bruce Smith had a rib injury and he is all right. So is Thurman Thomas, who has recovered from a thigh bruise. At least they were healthy against us, with each producing a game of big plays.

The healthy, aggressive and talented Bills also happen to be coached by a man I respect, Marv Levy.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Johnson has the Cowboys peaking at the right time. They have demonstrated poise and toughness — look how they defeated Philadelphia and San Francisco in the playoffs — and they have made big plays when it counted.

Thus this Super Bowl has the built-in drama of pitting a team that has been there, with its proven talent but without a victory, against a team on the rise, playing with confidence.

(Don Shula has coached the Miami Dolphins since 1970; they have played in five Super Bowls, winning twice. He was assisted in the preparation of this article by Gerald Eskenazi of The New York Times.)

Here is how I regard the teams' specific qualities:

OFFENSE — For the Cowboys to do well, running back Emmitt Smith has to be a real factor and be always in. When we've had success against Buffalo, we were able to run the ball. Kitting well takes away, to some degree, the pass-rushing power of Bruce Smith.

Emmitt Smith averaged more than 23 carries a game. Think about that, game in and game out. It's a workload that keeps defenses honest. Now, if that running attack is working, then the Dallas passing attack will be even more volatile. This is when the Cowboys make the big plays. Troy Aikman is an accurate passer who has big receivers to take the ball away from smaller defenders.

Because of the receivers' size, and the Cowboys' outstanding running game, the team always threatens to hit a big pass.

Buffalo's cornerbacks, Nate Odomes and James Williams, stand 5-foot-10 (1.78 meters). But Michael Irvin, who caught 78 passes this season, is 6-2, and Alvin Harper is 6-3. Both the Dallas players weigh about 200 pounds (90 kilograms).

So now you've got Aikman, who completed almost two-thirds of his passes this season, and who rarely throws interceptions, able to hand off to an outstanding runner, or to dump the ball off to him — or to go long to receivers who can outmuscle the defensive backs.

The Cowboys use tight end Jay Novacek primarily as a receiver. He caught 68 passes in the season, six for touchdowns. The Cowboys have been able to spring him because their offensive line has developed solidly.

The Buffalo offense, though, can get you rattled. I know the Bills and I know how good they can be.

This is a team that has been to two Super Bowls. With Kelly back at quarterback — instead of Frank Reich — utilizing the no-huddle

offense, the offense runs a bit quicker, creating that much more difficulty for the opposition defense.

For four straight seasons, Thomas has led the league in yardage from scrimmage. He averages almost 5 yards a carry and he averages almost 11 yards a reception. He bears constant attention. Even when he was hurt in the playoffs, Kenneth Davis filled in well, producing a 100-yard game against Pittsburgh. The Bills' first two playoff victories symbolized how deep they are: Reich led them at quarterback and Davis took on the running load after Thomas was injured.

The Bills' offensive line is packed with talent. The tackles, Will Wolford and Howard Ballard, are going to the Pro Bowl. The center, Kent Hull, has been there before. So has guard Jim Ritcher. Because of their blocking, the Bills ensure good trap plays, and that was a factor in how well they used the screen against us.

Kelly has Andre Reed and James Lofton to throw to, receivers with the knack of making big plays. They are more experienced than almost anyone they will come up against on the Dallas defense.

DEFENSE — Starting with that remarkable second-half comeback against Houston in the wild-card game, the Bills have permitted only two touchdowns in 10 quarters. They held Pittsburgh to one field goal, period. In the championship game, in which we committed penalties and turnovers, they gave us only a late touchdown. They wouldn't let us make the big plays — and we couldn't make them.

The Bills have two superstars on defense. Bruce Smith and Cornelius Bennett, and you must scheme against them. They're going to put a lot of pressure on Aikman. Dallas must run to keep them honest. When we played them well, that's what we did — and committed fewer turnovers.

But, again: How will the Cowboys handle Buffalo's no-huddle?

It is such a drastic change for Dallas's defense. It's pretty hard to simulate in practice. In fact, it's practically impossible to do it well in practice.

Players are used to milling around after a play, getting a chance to adjust. With the no-huddle, before a defender can reflect on the play just completed or contemplate the next one — bang! They're coming at you again.

Dallas's defense has two rookie starters, Robert Jones at middle linebacker and Kevin Smith at the left corner. They are first-round draft choices, and part of a young unit that led the league in total defense. Impressive to me is the fact that they permitted the fewest rushing yards. And Dallas doesn't have one defensive player going to the Pro Bowl. Will they adjust?

SPECIAL TEAMS — Year in and year out, the Bills' Steve Tasker has been football's best special-teams coach. Levy is an old special-teams coach himself, and he has always made that aspect of the game important to his team.

The Cowboys' special teams hustle; they are good in every area. They also have Kelvin Martin, who returned two punts for touchdowns this season and broke a 59-yard kickoff return. The Cowboys didn't permit any returns for a touchdown. The Bills' opponents were unable to return any punt longer than 17 yards.

THE X FACTOR — The Bills are Super Bowl. And they don't want to be 0-3 in the Super Bowl. The Cowboys will have a young defense reacting to a hurry-up offense.

There's also another ever-present factor that takes on so much importance in these games: turnovers.

You've heard coaches talk about them before. The reason we do is that they have such an impact on the game. They become critical in a championship because you're facing a quality team in the first place. You don't want to give any edge. Give your opponents a turnover and they're likely to take advantage of it. That's why they're here.

A 49er Predicts Cowboy Victory As Texas Town Upgrades Name

By Tom Friend

New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — The first player seen looking over the National Football League's base hotel was one of the San Francisco 49ers. Didn't they lose to the Cowboys last week?

"Well, shouldn't have," said guard Roy Foster. Foster, born in Los Angeles and a graduate of USC, said finishing second in the National Football Conference was not enough to keep him from Super Bowl festivities. He actually rode up to the Century Plaza Hotel on Sunday in an NFL courtesy car.

"I agree being here adds insult to injury, considering we lost last week," Foster said. "This is just injure, this is just self-infliction. But I'm from here."

His 49ers lost, at home, to both Super Bowl participants, which gives credibility to Foster's Super Bowl prediction.

"Dallas wins," he said. "Only because if they can beat us, they can beat Buffalo. I just think Buffalo will have a tough time stopping Emmitt. And, I mean, Michael Irvin's going to show up in a big way. I just think they're on a roll, and I think Buffalo might run out of gas. They really shouldn't be here in the first place. Houston, or somebody else, should be here."

"Yes, Buffalo wants to make up for losing two Super Bowls, but so did Denver, so did Minnesota in the 1970s. That doesn't have anything to do with nothing. Now, Buffalo's going to hear this interview, and that's going to give them a little more fuel, and then I'll be wrong. We'll see, we'll see. I just think Dallas has a golden opportunity to get busy. It's remarkable what they've done the last four years."

Somebody else just got down here from San Francisco — lawn specialist George Toma.

"Oh, no," Foster said. "I wish he hadn't fixed up our field last week. They should've left it alone. I thought maybe it was a league rule or something they had to dress it up for the Cowboys. They should leave the darn thing alone. It's like coming over to somebody's house when they're messy. If I'm a messy person, this is what I've got. Come over and we'll have lunch in it or don't come at all. Well, that's the same reason why they shouldn't have fixed the field for Dallas. If they just leave the field alone, we would've had luck last week. Oh, man, I love the slop."

Toma customarily manures the Super Bowl fields, and, for a while, it looked as if the Rose Bowl would need some draining. The same storm that put Candlestick Park under water last week hit Southern California, but then the sun came out Thursday, and it has been radiant ever since.

Toma, trusting no blue sky, still has the tarp on. There is a town in Texas, halfway between Dallas and Houston, called Buffalo. Especially for the Super Bowl, the town (pop. 1,900) is temporarily changing its name.

"We're avid Dallas Cowboys fans," said Byron Ryder, the mayor of Buffalo, Texas. "I just got to thinking about it, and I started getting excited, and we decided to pursue it."

So, on Friday, the city will officially become Blue Star, Tex.

"Everywhere there's a Buffalo sign — like on our city limits signs — we're going to hang a blue star over the name Buffalo," Ryder said.

Florida St. Hands Duke Third Loss

The Associated Press
Monday through Saturday, Duke is perfect. Sundays are a different matter. The Blue Devils suffered their third straight defeat as Byron Wells sank a 3-point shot with 3.6 seconds left in overtime to give Florida State an 89-88 victory in Tallahassee, Florida.

Duke has now lost on successive Sundays, to Georgia Tech, Virginia and the Seminoles. The Blue Devils don't play another Sunday game until Feb. 21 at North Carolina State, but they close the

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season with Sunday games against UCLA and North Carolina.

This Sunday's swoon didn't seem to faze their coach, Mike Krzyzewski, who said he was happy that his team played as well as it did.

"I don't judge things based on wins and losses. We judge things based on effort," he said. "I thought our effort was outstanding. I'm not going to fault my kids."

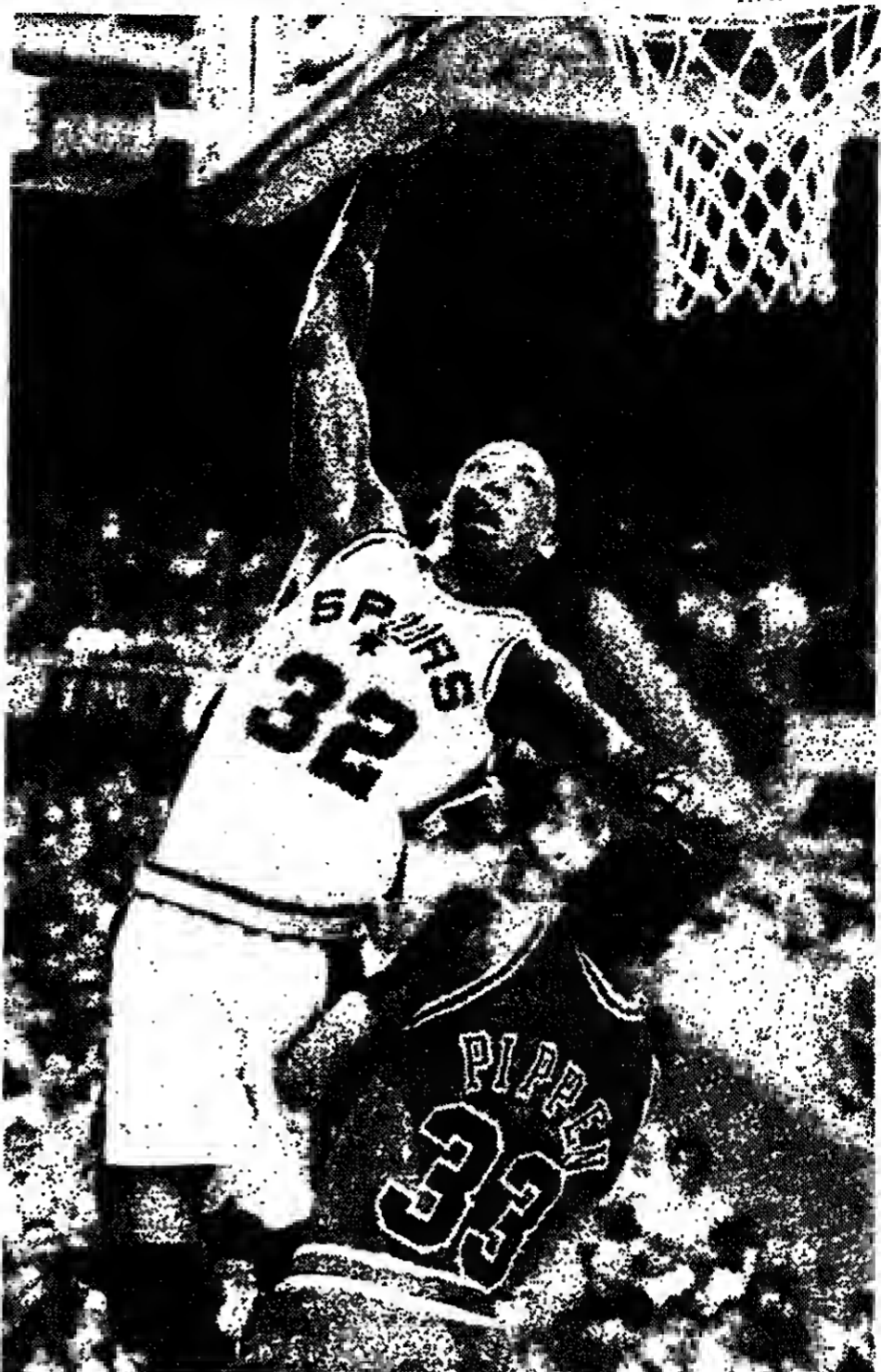
Florida State had set up its final play for Sam Cassell, but he couldn't shake loose and Wells wound up shooting from deep in the left corner with 6-foot, 11-inch Cherokee Parks' hand in his face. The ball rimmed around once and kissed off the backboard before falling through.

Duke (13-3, 3-3 ACC) now has more losses this season than it had all of last season when it was 34-2 and won the national championship.

In other games Sunday, No. 2 Indiana beat No. 24 Ohio State 96-69, No. 3 North Carolina beat No. 10 Seton Hall 70-66 and California defeated No. 23 UCLA 104-82.

No. 2 Indiana 96, No. 24 Ohio State 69; No. 10 Bloomington, Indiana, Calbert Cheaney scored 27 points and sank three shots in a row to ignite a 19-2 second-half run that helped Indiana (17-2, 6-0 Big Ten) stretch an eight-point halftime lead to as much as 32. Ohio State (9-5, 2-3) made only one basket during a seven-minute stretch of the second half.

California 104, No. 23 UCLA 82: Alfred Grigsby and Brian Hendrick scored 23 points each in Los Angeles and California (9-4, 3-2 Pac-10) used a 17-0 run late in the first half to beat UCLA (12-5, 3-1). The 104 points were the most Cal ever scored in a Pac-10 game.



Sean Elliott edged by Scottie Pippen for two points as the Spurs beat the Bulls for a team-record ninth straight victory. That made their record 14-2 since John Lucas became coach.

Petrovic Burns Rockets With 44 Points

Drazen Petrovic had one of those nights that shooters dream about. The shots were there, and almost all of them were going through the net. Petrovic made 17 of 23 shots and scored 44 of his career-high 44 points in the second half as the New Jersey Nets ended the Houston Rockets' eight-game winning

Boston. "I knew I was on as soon as my first two shots went down. Mo [Cebek] and Kenny [Anderson] were giving me the ball in the right place all night. All I had to do was catch it and shoot."

Petrovic fell well short of his personal best, the 112 points he once scored in a game in his native Croatia. He also had 62 points in a European Cup final.

Michael Jordan led Chicago with 42 points, but missed a jumper that would have tied the game with four seconds remaining.

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sweat, 100-83, Sunday night in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

The 44 points were the most scored by a player for the Nets since Ray Williams equaled the team record with a 52-point game against Detroit on April 17, 1982.

"When Petro has it going like that you just try to get the ball into his hands," said Anderson, who had nine assists. "I did everything I could — called his number, tried to penetrate and dish off, but the way he was shooting he didn't need too much help. He was on fire, so we just rode him."

Heat 122, Mavericks 106: The beating went on for Dallas, which tied the game in the third period before Miami matched a franchise record for most points in a quarter with 37. The loss left the Mavericks 0-17 on the road this season and 1-18 in its last 19 games overall.

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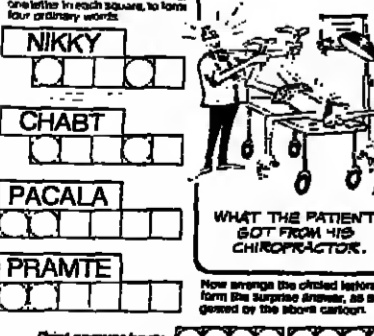
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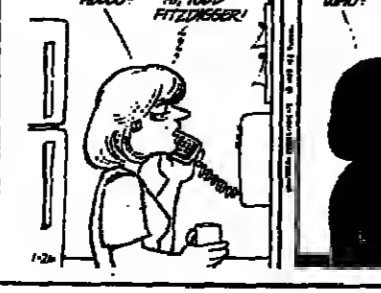
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Capriati, Seles, Fernandez and Halard Prevail

MELBOURNE — Jennifer Capriati and Mary Joe Fernandez are not lacking for common ground. Both Floridians, both members of the world's top 10, they share the benefits and burdens of all who achieve tennis excellence at an early age.



Stefan Edberg massaging his aching back: "I was stiff as a board two days ago."

Edberg Advances to Quarterfinals Bergstrom, Sampras, Korda and Forget Also Triumph

By Christopher Clary International Herald Tribune MELBOURNE — The crowd of usual suspects descended Monday on Flinders Park: hordes of rowdy, young adults, their fresh tans patriotically obscured by blue and gold newsprint, with an irrepresible need to communicate.

of his third-round victory over Amos Mansdorf of Israel. "I was stiff as a board two days ago," said Edberg, who had to default in mid-tournament here with injuries in 1989 and 1990.

Monday's match wasn't the only thing Washington lost in Melbourne. Last week, a hotel maid emptied a glass of water containing his contact lenses into the toilet and flushed. He managed to quickly secure another pair with the help of Dr. John Fraser, the brother of Australia's Davis Cup captain, Neale Fraser.

This January in Australia, they have even shared a common opponent: their health. Fernandez was the first to suffer, contracting a stomach virus during the Hopman Cup in Perth and missing more than a week of practice before the Australian Open. Capriati fell ill with a similar virus after her first-round match here last week.

But despite the discomfort and several brushes with defeat, they have endured. And Monday at Flinders Park, each advanced to the quarterfinals for the second straight year. They did it at the expense of two sisters with leg injuries. Capriati, the No. 7 seed, beat No. 14 Katerina Maleeva, 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 6-1. Fernandez, the No. 5 seed, beat No. 9 Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

U.S. Wrestler Approved For Top Sumo Promotion

TOKYO — Despite the reluctance of some Japanese to see a foreign wrestler finally reach the pinnacle of their ancient sport, the Sumo Association's promotion committee decided Monday that Akebono, the towering American, had earned the rank of yokozuna, or grand champion.

Australian Open Results

Table with columns for Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, and Women's Doubles. It lists match results, scores, and names of players.

SIDELINES

Reeves Is Said Set to Coach Giants NEW YORK (NYT) — Negotiations between the New York Giants and Dan Reeves, who was dismissed as the Denver Broncos' coach Dec. 28, are still not completed but there appear to be no hangups to Reeves becoming the NFL team's new coach.

SCOREBOARD

Table showing NBA Standings for Eastern and Western Conferences, and NHL Standings for Wales Conference. It includes team names, records, and game results.

For the Record

Vitali Sberbo of Belarus, winner of six Olympic gold medals in gymnastics in Barcelona, was chosen the recipient of the 1993 Jesse Owens International Trophy Award, beating out two U.S. track and field gold medalists.

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Advertisement for 'Today's Education Directory' featuring a grid of classified ads for education, business, real estate, and other services.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: Montreal Baseball Association Golden Star - Activated Victor Alexander, forward from injured list.

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SOUTH TEST: Australia vs. West Indies, Third Day. West Indies led Innings: 252. Australia 1st Innings: 146 (415 overs).

ART BUCHWALD

11:30, the Inside Story

WASHINGTON — You probably read in the newspapers that I turned down the 11:30 P.M. slot on NBC, CBS, CNN and C-Span.



Buchwald

Some of the stories of why I did it do not even deserve comment. This is the first time I've broken my silence about what transpired.

I like David Letterman very much, even if he refused to fight for his country in Grenada and Panama.

Disneyland: Add Toontown

ANAHEIM, California — The folks at Disneyland won't be upset if their biggest new attraction in 20 years turns out to be a big pie in the face when it opens Tuesday.

cause, although both sides claimed that they wanted me badly, neither one would tell me how much they'd spend on a hangar to house my vintage airplane collection.

By this time Jay Leno was getting wind that NBC was not supporting him in his efforts to hold down the 11:30 spot.

When NBC and CBS heard about this they decided to merge their late-night programming.

My agent, Michael Ovitz, studied the package and told me that it was as good as he could get considering that I had only been a guest on late-night talk shows three times.

David Hockney's Light-Splattered World

By Trip Gabriel

MALIBU, California — Had David Hockney painted a century earlier, he might have moved from dreary northern England to sun-blasted Provence, but instead it was Los Angeles that he famously migrated to in 1964.

"I was brought up in Gothic gloom," he said of his youth in the industrial city of Bradford. "All the buildings are absolutely black, and it rains practically every other day."

Sunlight — the pale but gloriously warming sunlight of midwinter — splashed into a glassed-in porch of his Malibu home like a wave filling a seaside grotto.

Hockney, who is 55 and as boyish-looking as ever beneath peroxide-blond hair, has never ceased to take joy from the sun, or to find equally sensual delights in the everyday act of perceiving his surroundings.

Another factor limiting Hockney's socializing: He is losing his hearing and hates restaurants and other crowd scenes.

"I've always accepted my sexuality," he said. "It's a part of life's texture. Life doesn't have clear edges. Nature doesn't have clear edges."

In his sunny body of work, the dark side of experience is never directly recorded. And yet, lately, AIDS has scythed a horrible path through his personal world.

"The experience of this devastation is something Hockney seems unable to articulate, at least in words, with any real profundity.

In his latest paintings, some of his first abstractions, he uses a darker-than-usual palette to depict spirals, grids and wavelike forms.



David Hockney: "The pleasure of the eyes is very great to me."

comes, said Hockney. We shall go for a drive. Then you may understand. He led the way up a green staircase to his street-level garage and backed out his candy-apple-red Mercedes 380SL.

Lowering the convertible top, he pulled into northbound traffic and punched a few buttons. With the ocean to the left and the red-tile roofs of Pepperdine University to the right, he shouted above the opening bars of "America" from "West Side Story."

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Andre Emmerich, Hockney's longtime New York dealer, said said Hockney had done a series of paintings, unexhibited so far, in memory of friends who died of AIDS.

He climbed steeply again. The ascent was timed so that the opera swelled to the mighty peak of a crescendo precisely as he reached Saddle Peak Road, where a 200-mile panorama opened from Santa Monica Bay across all of Los Angeles to the snowy San Bernardino Mountains.

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Spider-Man and Co. Cast Web on Japan

"Greetings and Konnichiwa," Spider-Man said as Japanese executives cracked smiles and gingerly picked the paper strands of his trademark spiderweb netting from their suits.

There were some surprises at the Golden Globe awards in Los Angeles. "Scent of a Woman" walked off with three awards.

Prince Charles has turned down an invitation to officially complain about press coverage of a married woman.

Jean Harris, free after 12 years in prison, plans to work on behalf of children and may write another book.

Sections of White House tapes made during John F. Kennedy's presidency were erased in a situation "just as scandalous" as the gaps in the Watergate tapes.

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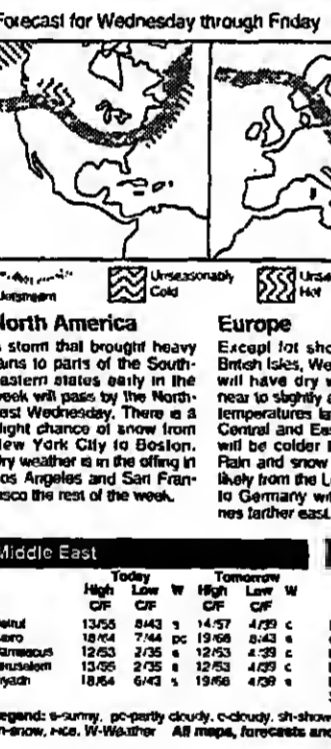


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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Chess board diagram showing a game position after 28 moves.

BOOKS

THE SAME RIVER TWICE: A Memoir By Chris Offutt, 188 pages, \$18. Simon & Schuster.

When he was a boy, Chris Offutt spent his summers in the foothills of southern Appalachia, he had traveled to the far corners of America and lived through a sequence of halfhearted attempts at self-destruction.

dering his memories or, more exactly, enriching the journals he says he kept so conscientiously while training himself to become a writer.

CHESS

By Robert Byrne

when this does not speed White's development. White's method with 7 d6 is blunty to make use of his slight lead in mobilization.

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aggressively sacrificed a pawn for attack with 13 Rd1! The pawn could not be captured by 13...Be5? because of 14 Rd7 Bd7 15 Be5.

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